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THE HEDGEHOG™

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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



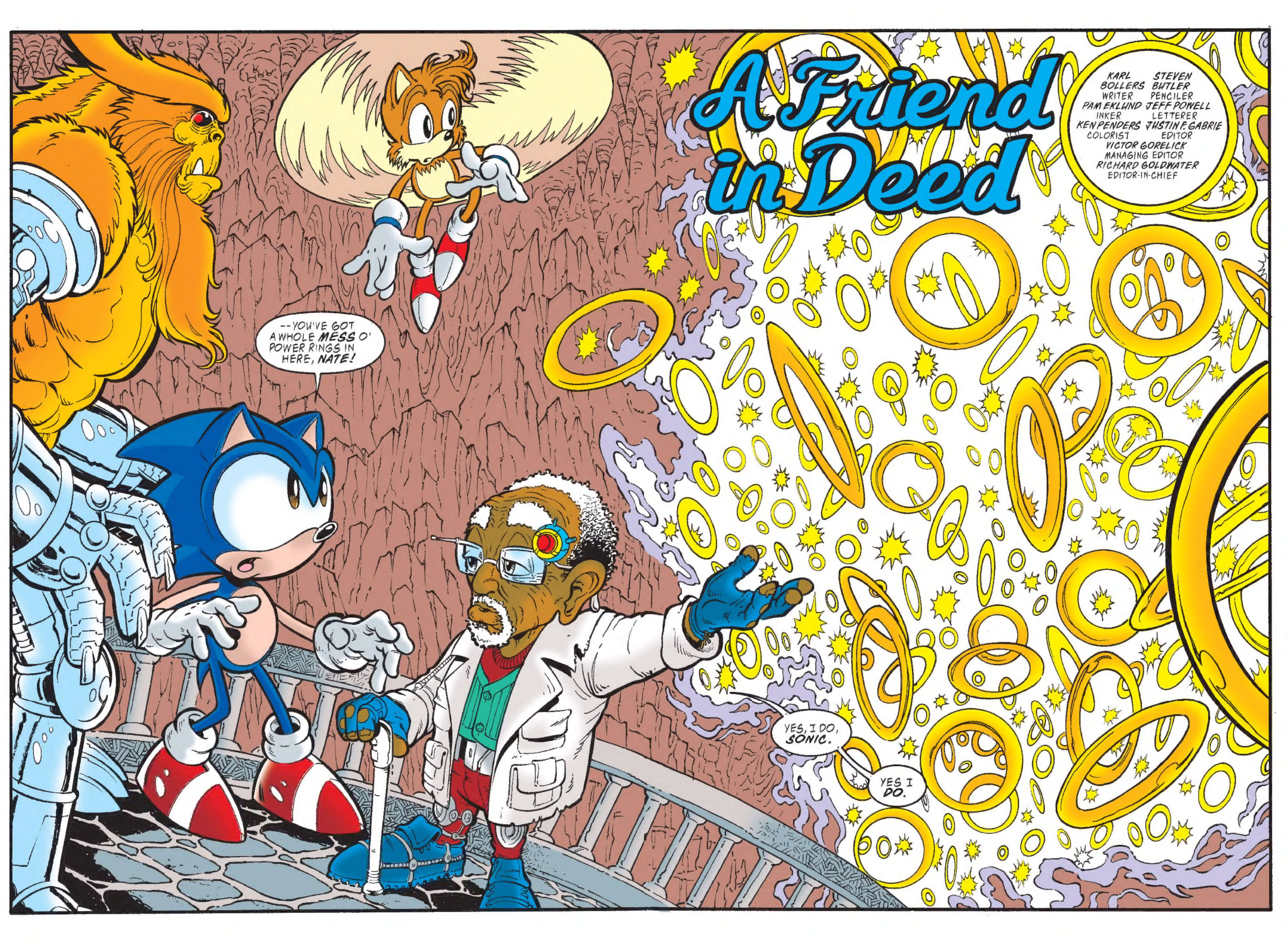
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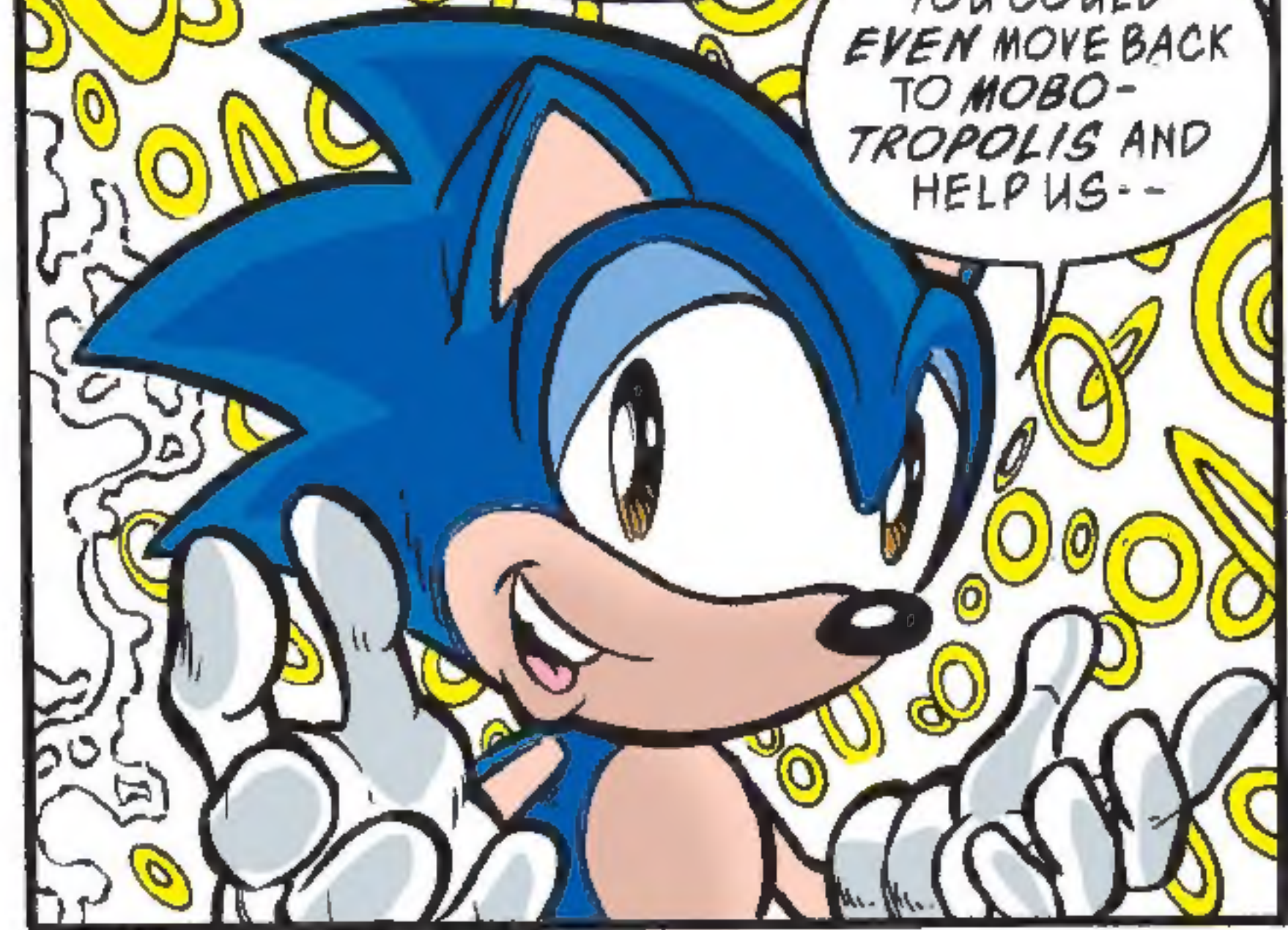
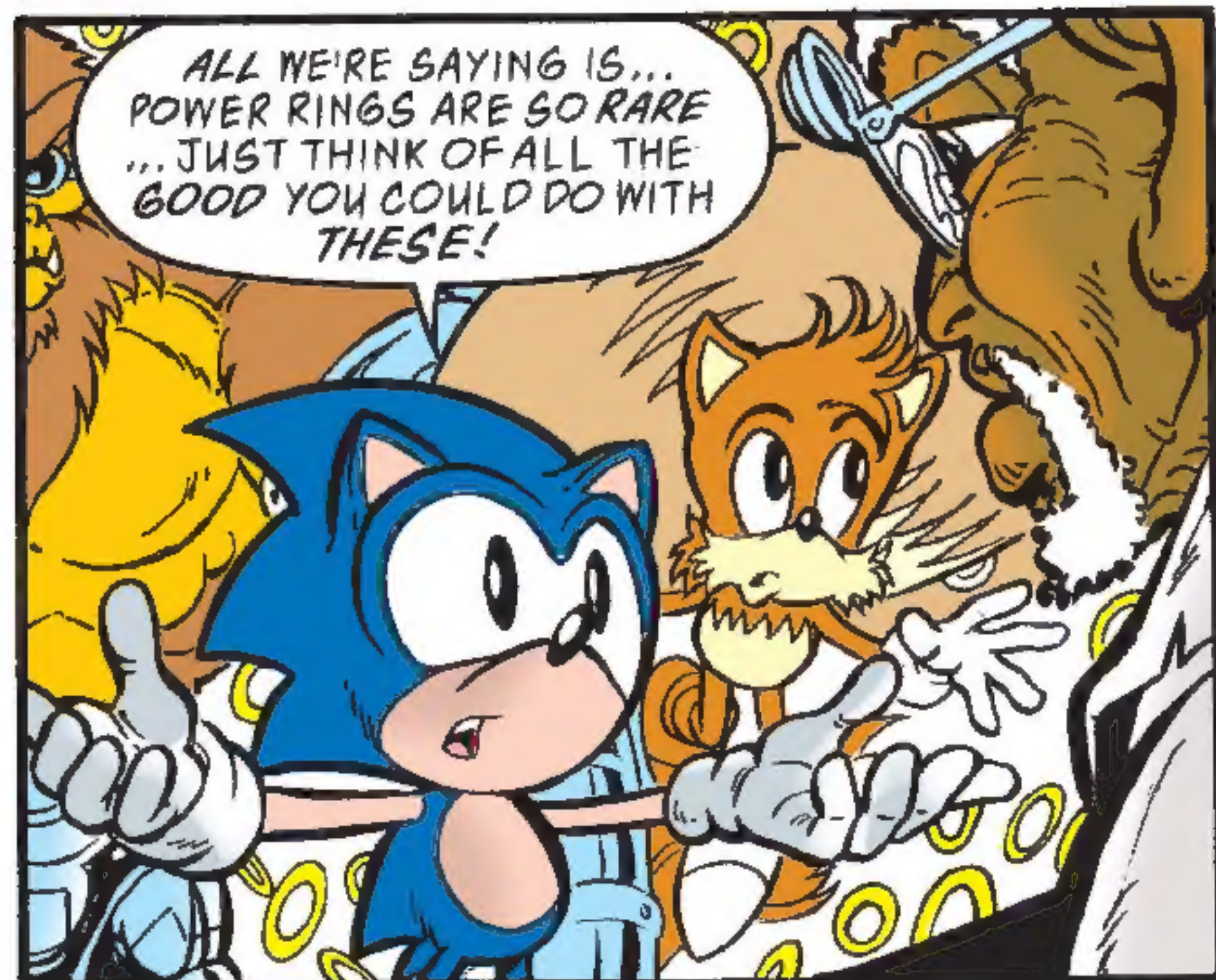
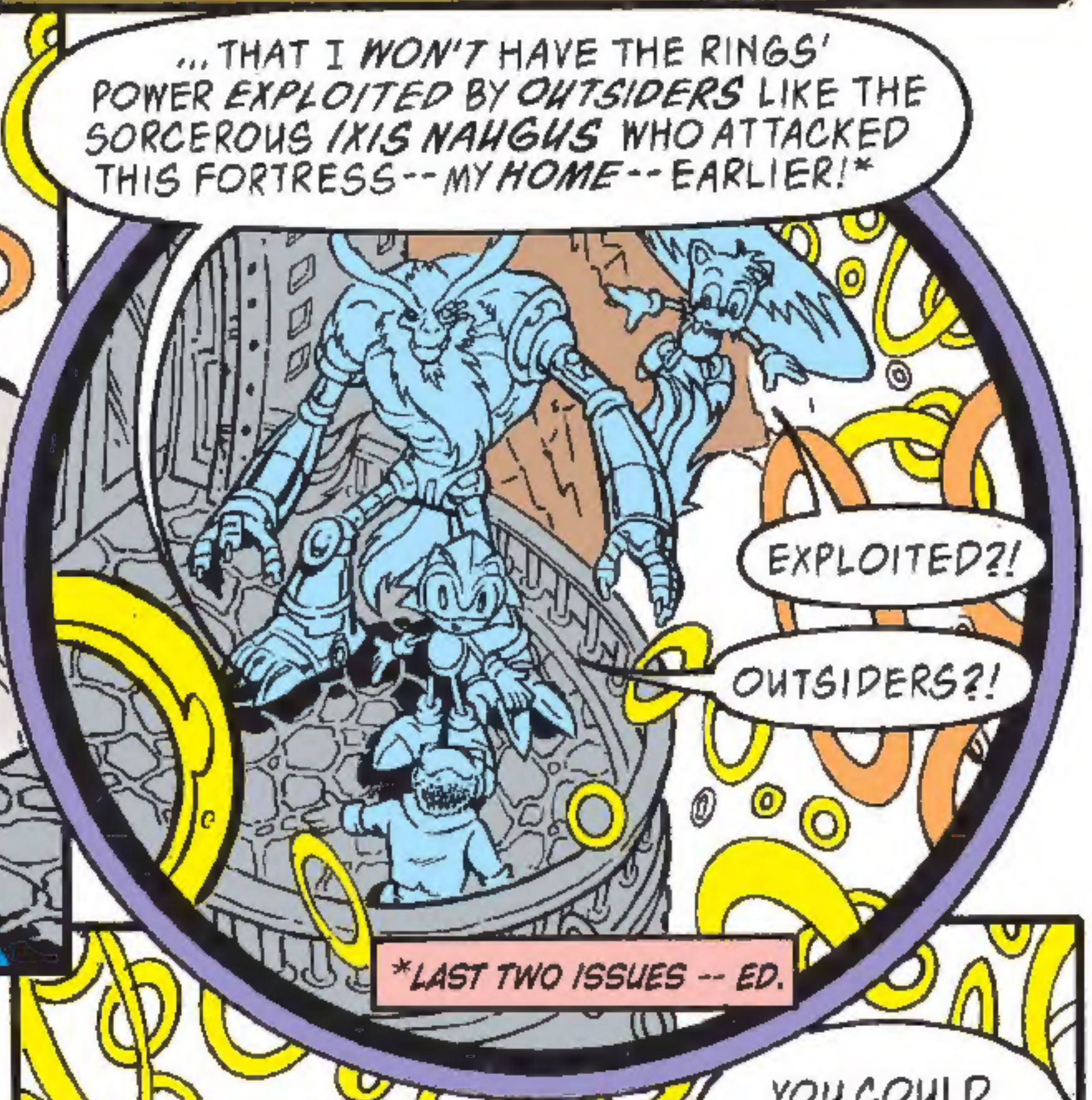
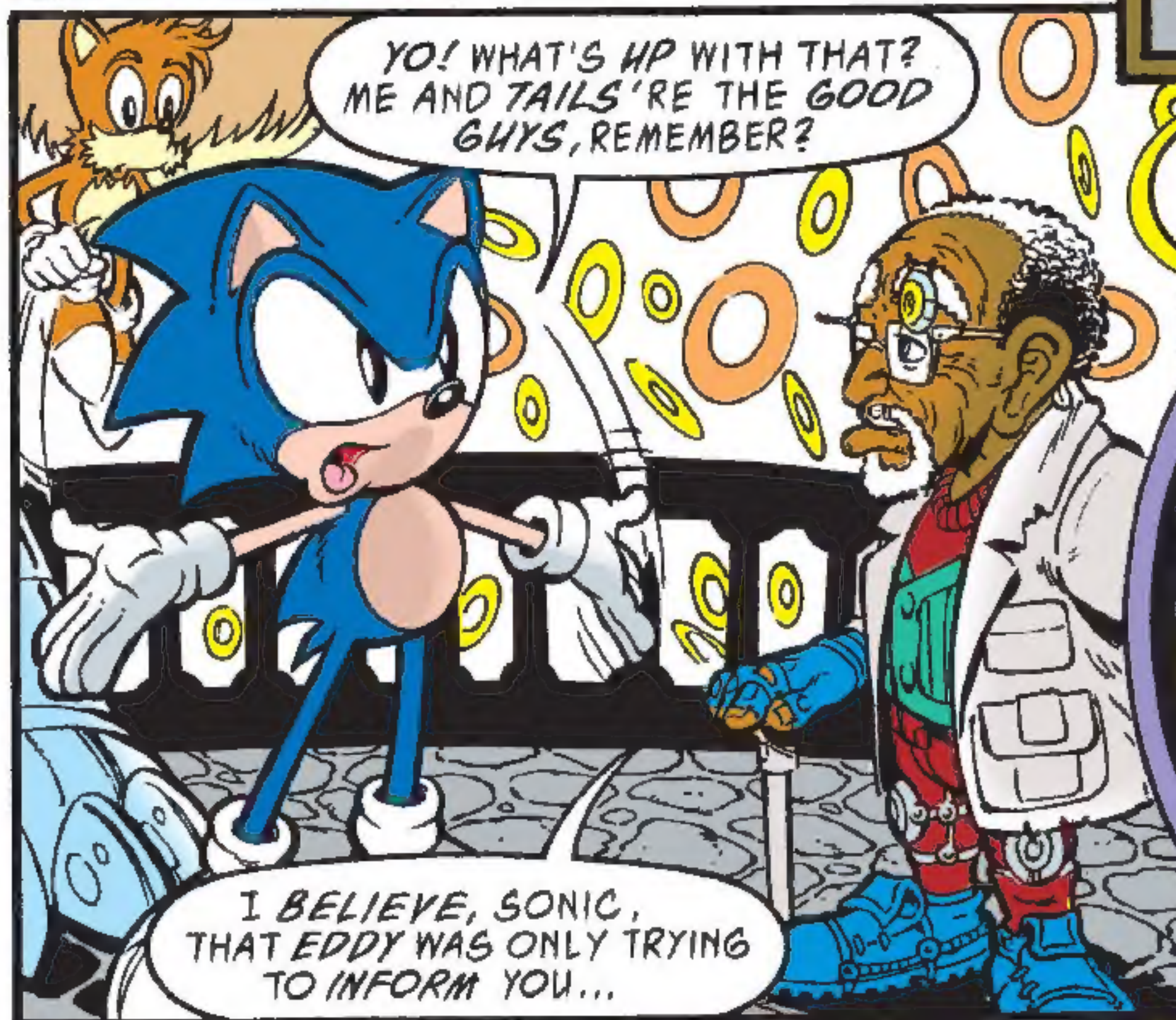
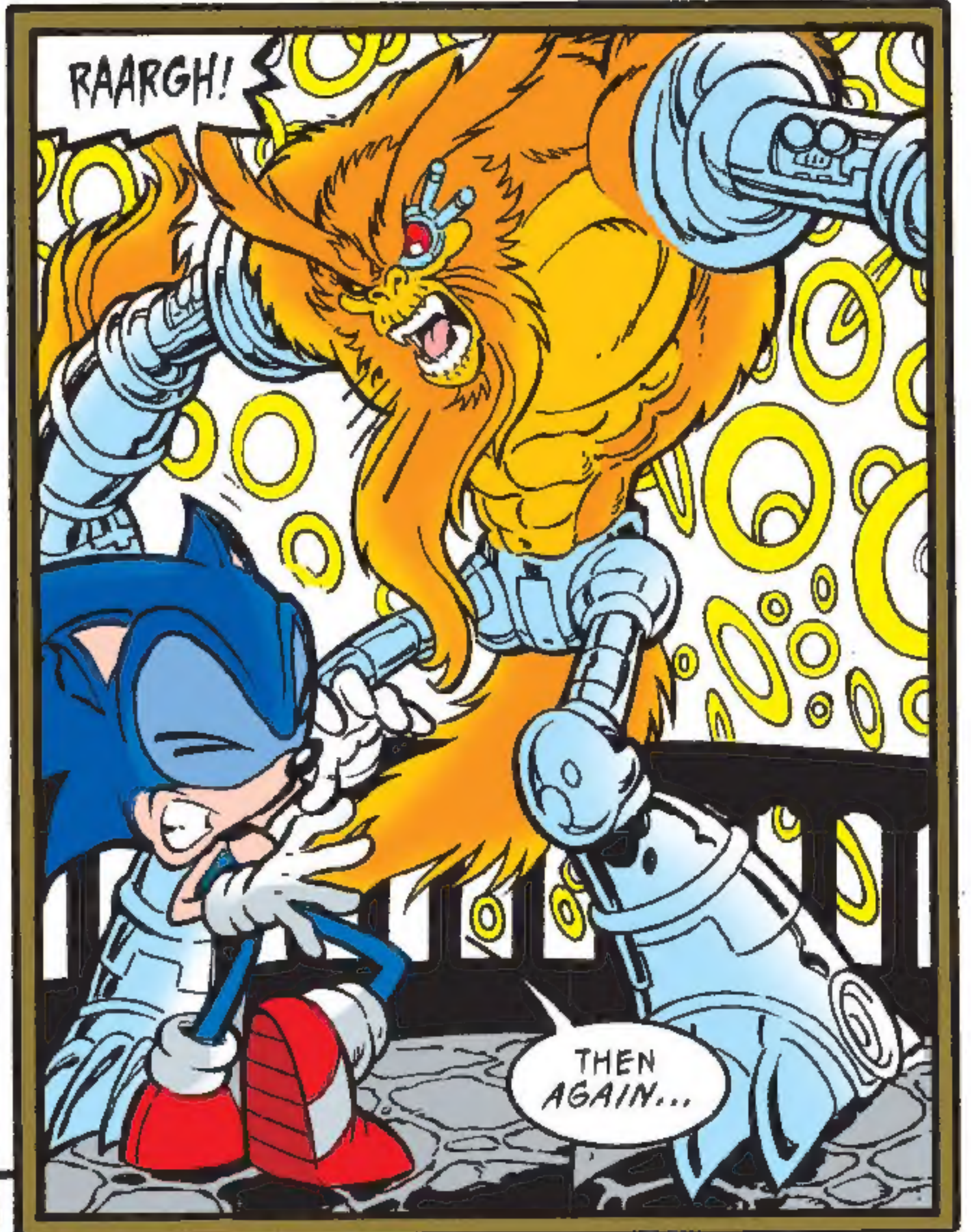
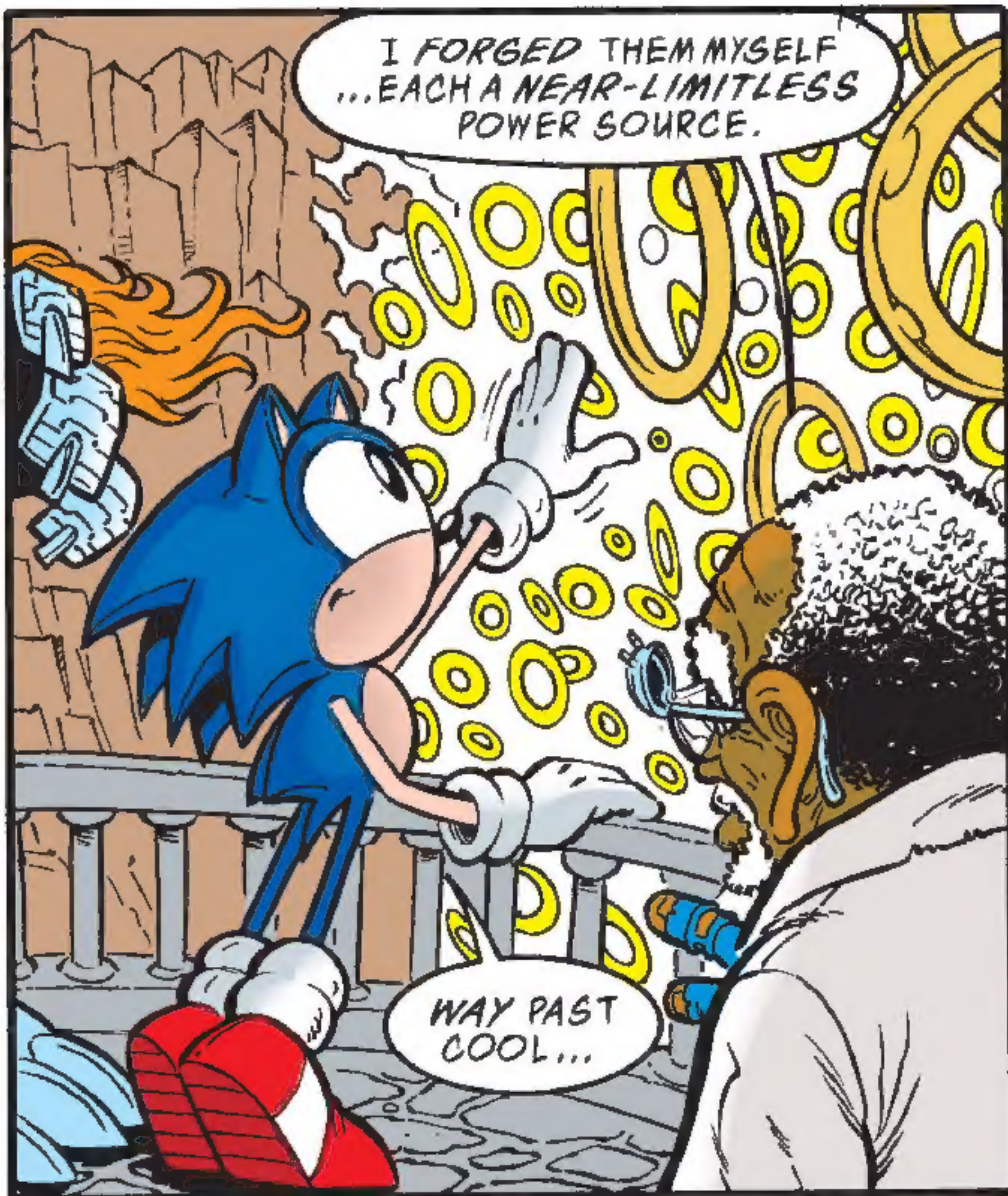
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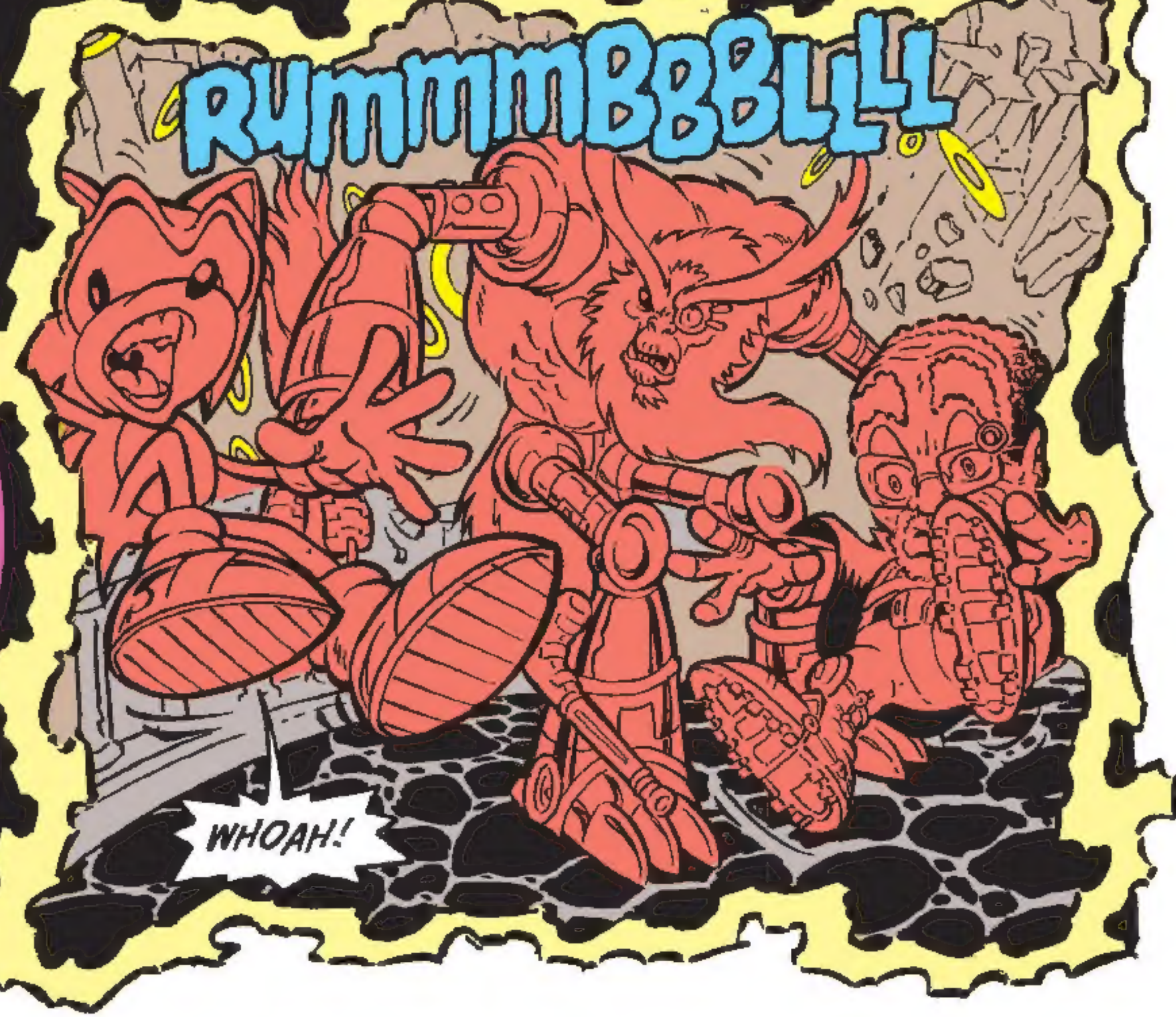
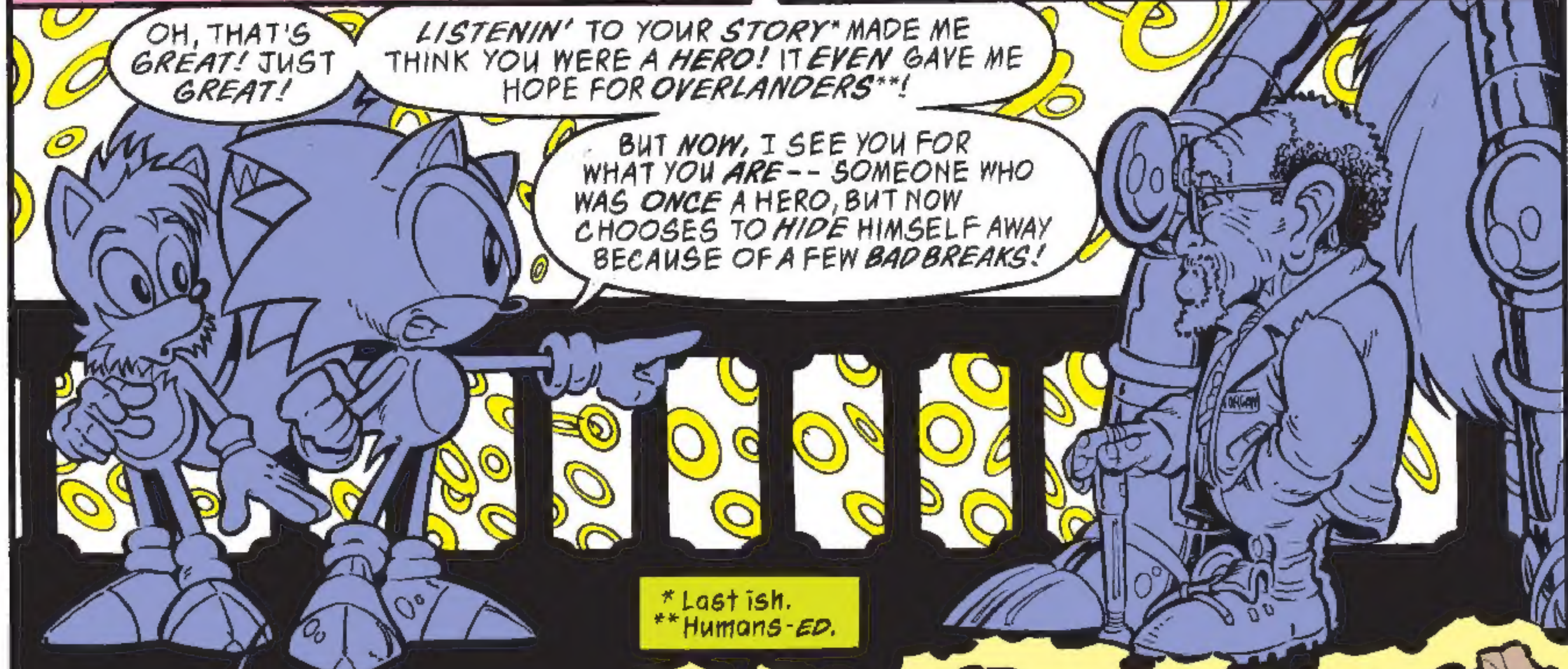
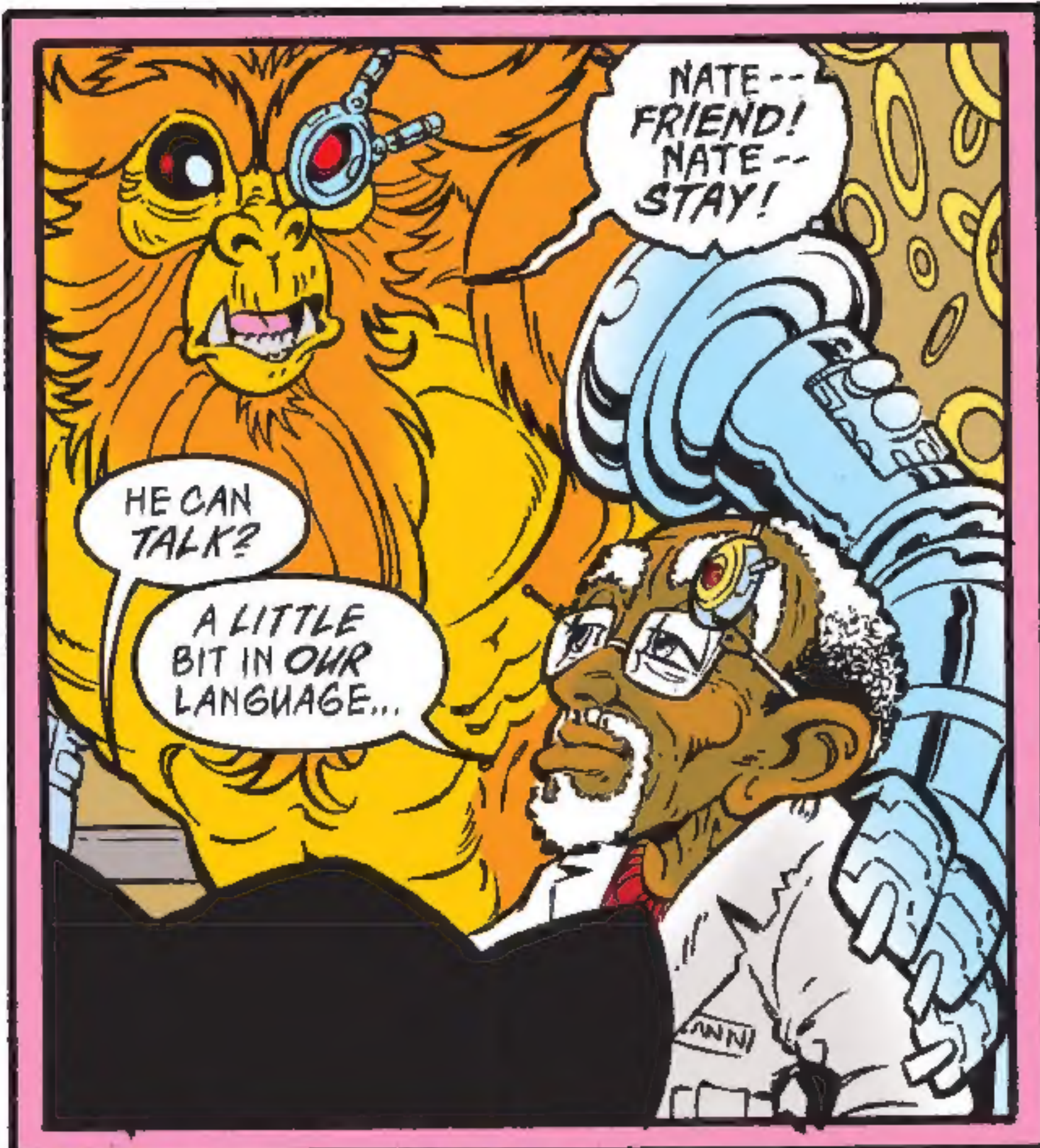
-- YOU'VE GOT
A WHOLE MESS O'
POWER RINGS IN
HERE, NATE!

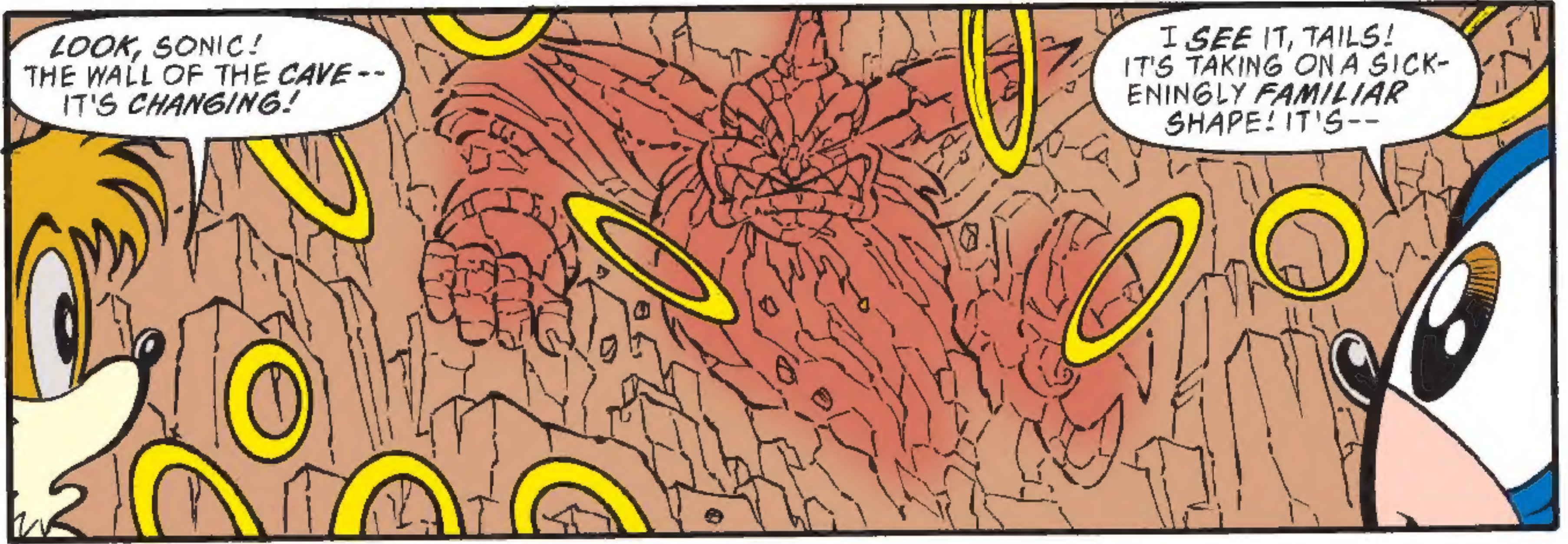
YES, I DO,
SONIC.

YES I
DO.









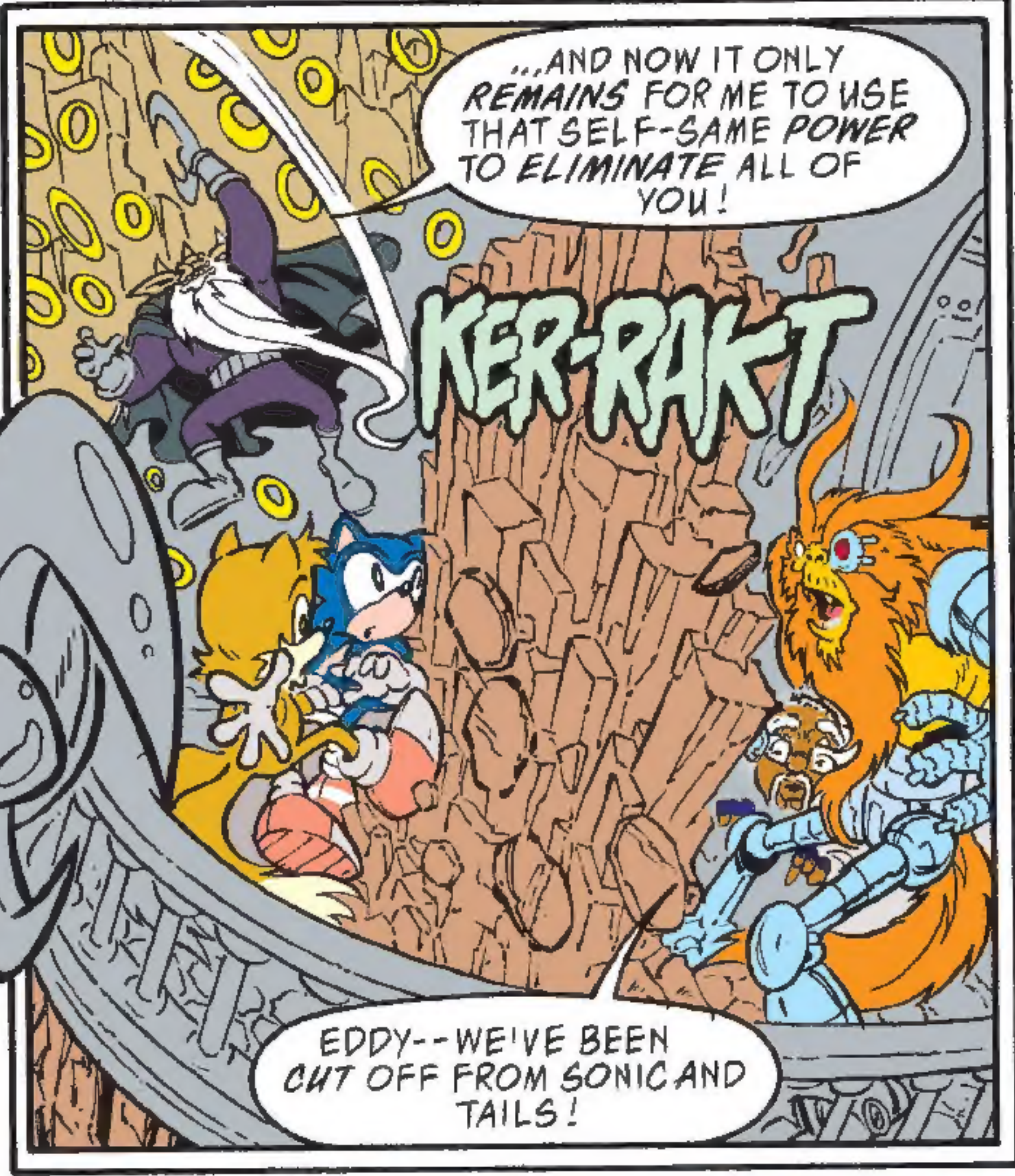
LOOK, SONIC!
THE WALL OF THE CAVE--
IT'S CHANGING!

I SEE IT, TAILS!
IT'S TAKING ON A SICK-
ENINGLY FAMILIAR
SHAPE! IT'S--



"--IXIS
NAHGHS!"

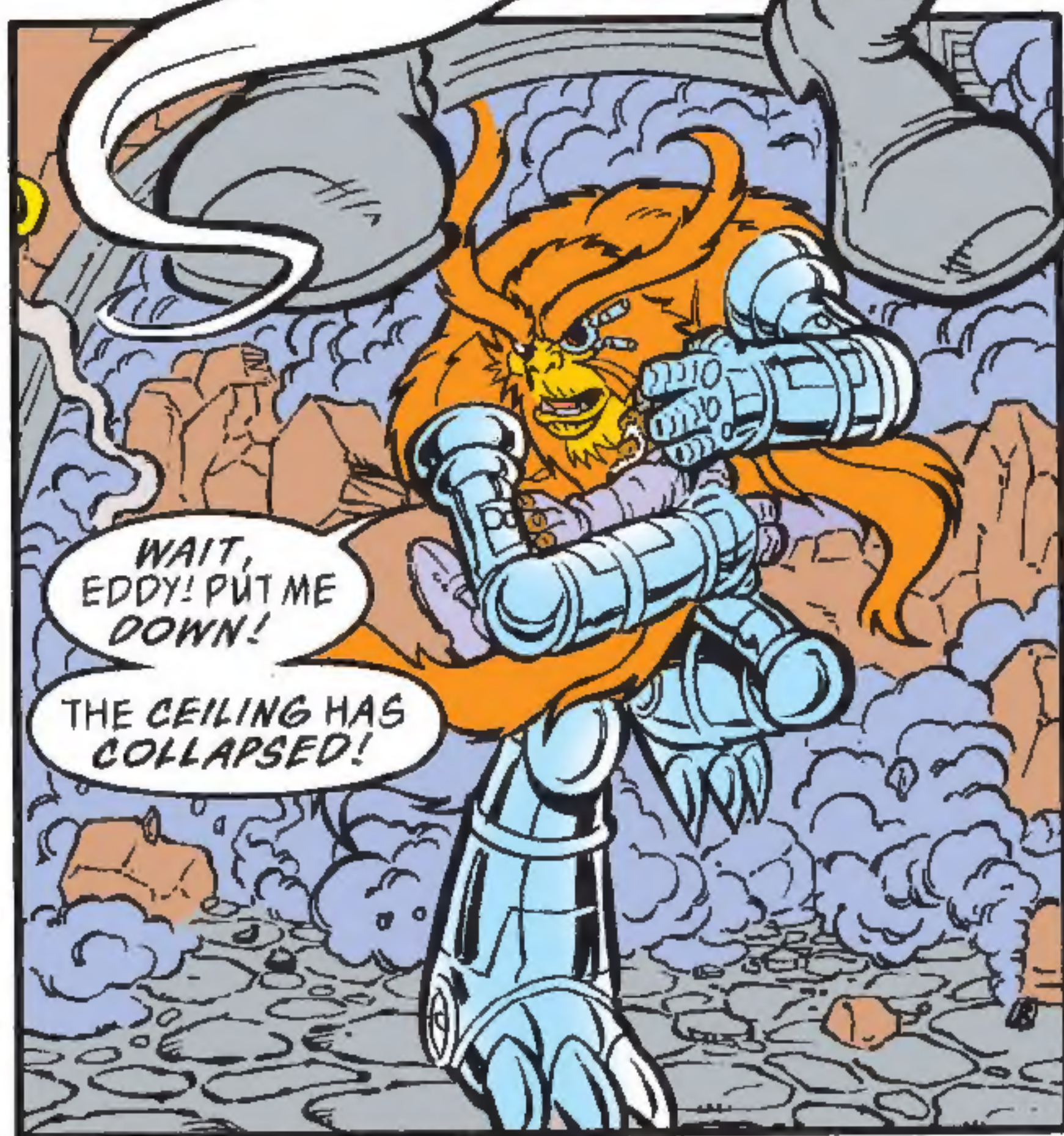
GREETINGS ONCE
MORE, QUICKSTER! I'VE USED
MY ELEMENTAL MASTERY OF
THE EARTH TO INFILTRATE
NATE MORGAN'S SO-CALLED
FORTRESS AND FINALLY FIND
HIS POWER-RING STORE-
HOUSE...



...AND NOW IT ONLY
REMAINS FOR ME TO USE
THAT SELF-SAME POWER
TO ELIMINATE ALL OF
YOU!

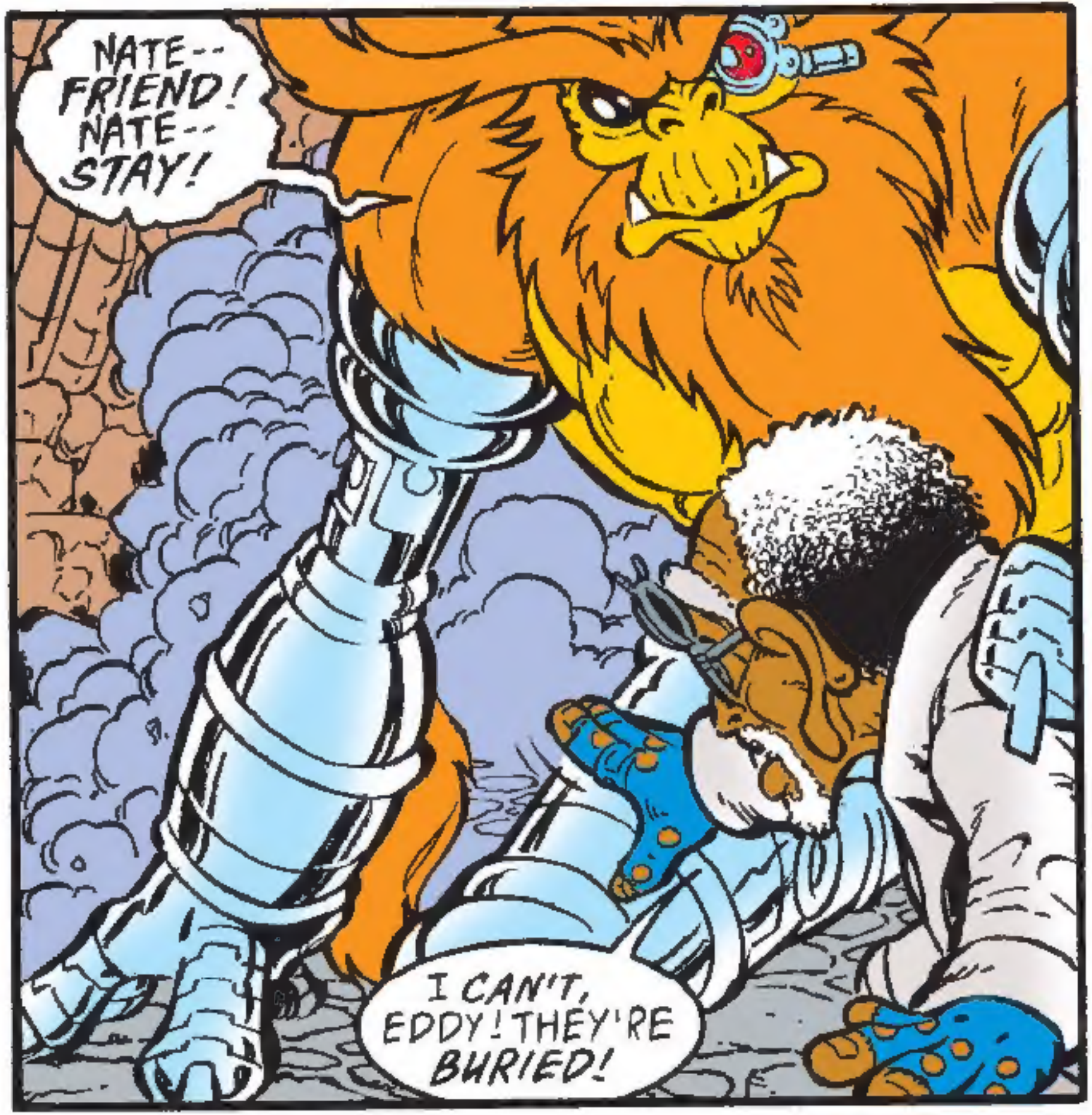
KER-RAKT

EDDY--WE'VE BEEN
CUT OFF FROM SONIC AND
TAILS!



WAIT,
EDDY! PUT ME
DOWN!

THE CEILING HAS
COLLAPSED!



NATE--
FRIEND!
NATE--
STAY!

I CAN'T,
EDDY! THEY'RE
BURIED!

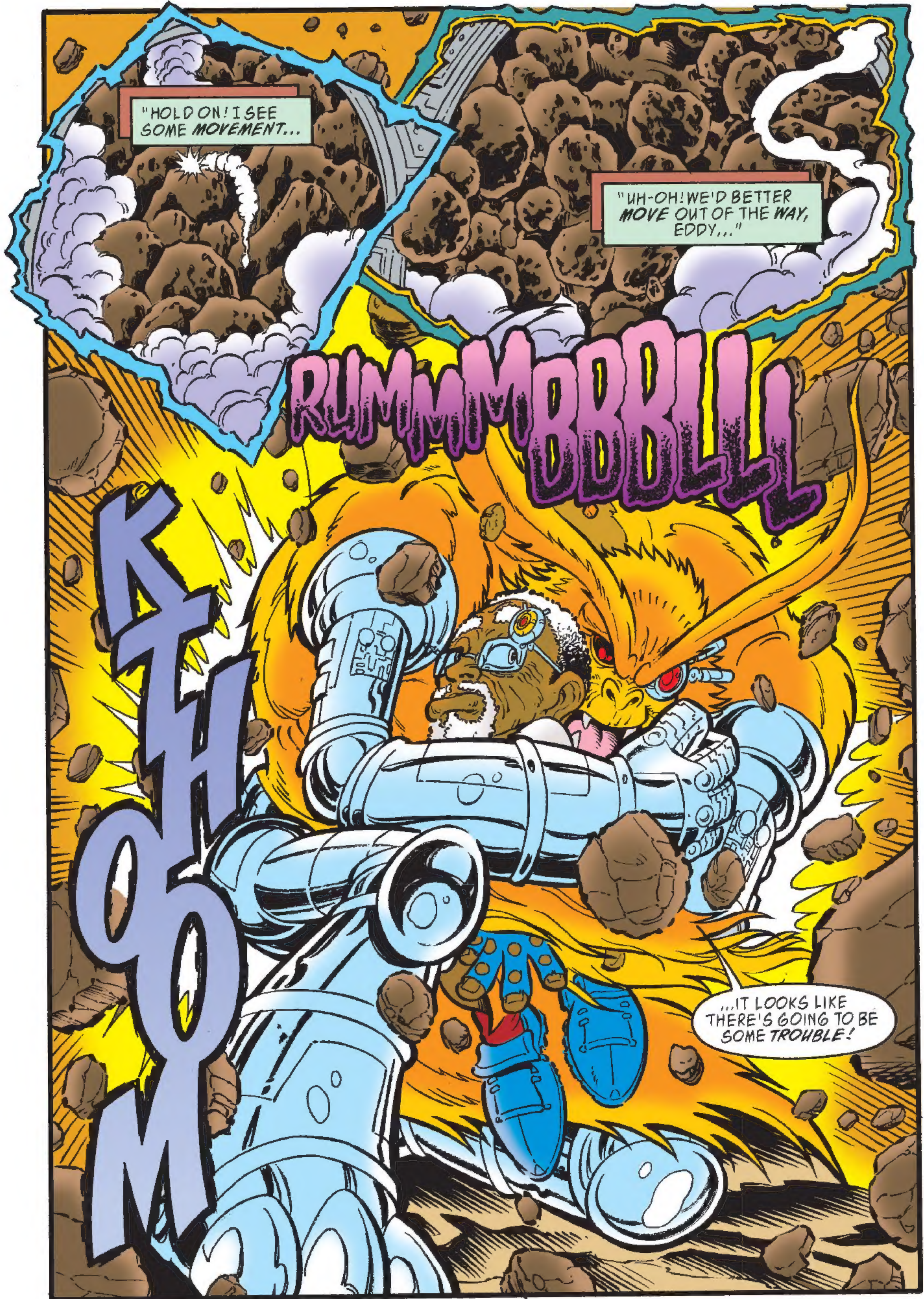
"HOLD ON! I SEE
SOME MOVEMENT..."

"UH-OH! WE'D BETTER
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY,
EDDY..."

RUMMMM BBBBBL

NO

...IT LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S GOING TO BE
SOME TROUBLE!



NATE MORGAN IS NOT ONE FOR UNDERSTATEMENT, BUT EVEN HE COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED THIS TURN OF EVENTS!

THE POWER RINGS ARE NO MORE--


--ALL HAVE BEEN ABSORBED INTO THE THREE TRANSFORMED FIGURES BEFORE HIM!

BUT JUST HOW MANY RINGS HAVE EACH OF THEM USED TO BOLSTER THEIR OWN UNIQUE ABILITIES?


FIFTY? ONE HUNDRED?

A THOUSAND?

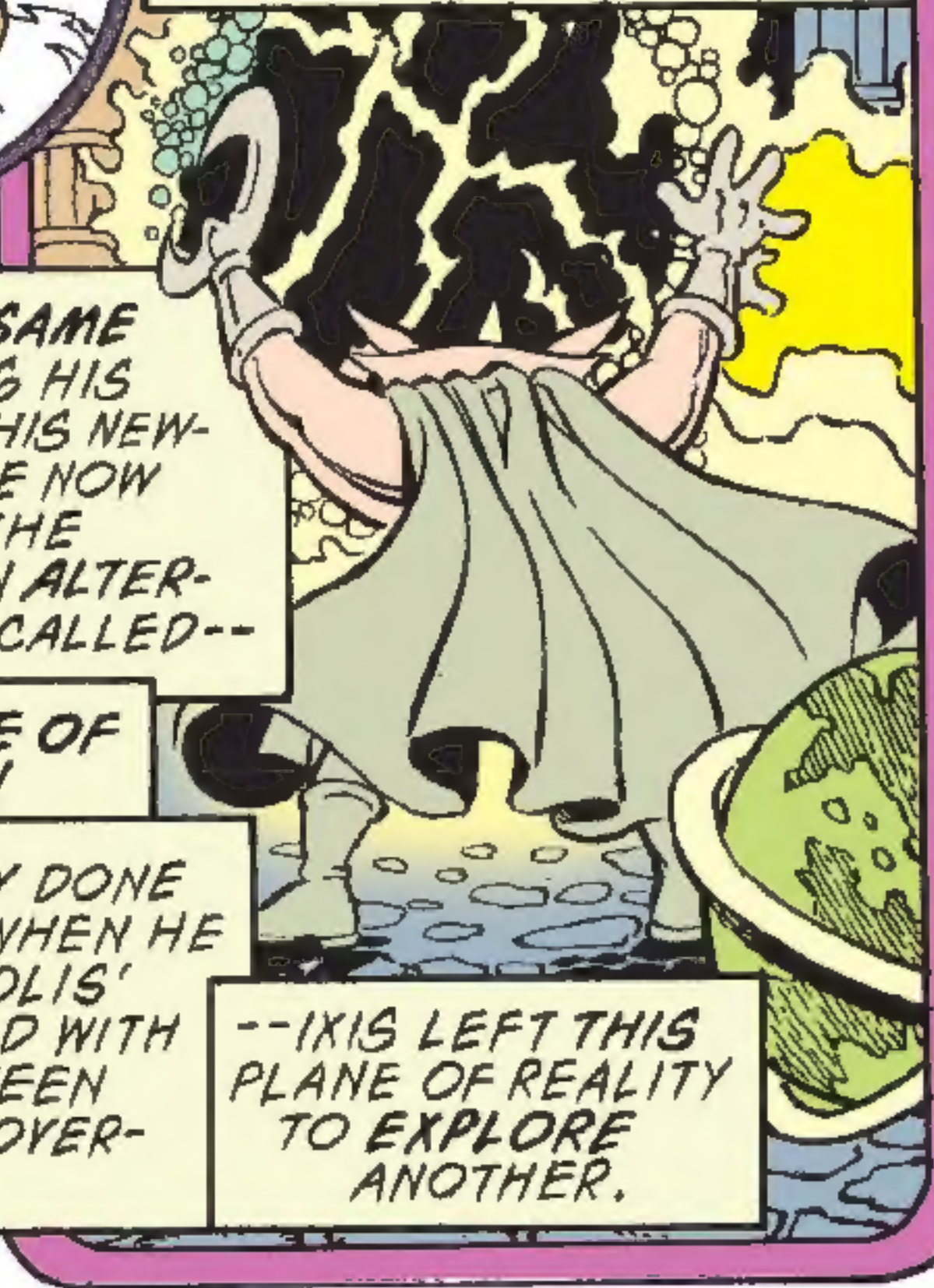
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WILL THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS ULTIMATELY BE?



THE AGED GEO-PHYSICIAN DOES NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT BEFORE HE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER.



THE SINISTER FIEND, IXIS NAUGUS, IMMEDIATELY BEGINS INSCRIBING ARCAINE SYMBOLS INTO THE VERY AIR AROUND HIS BEING--

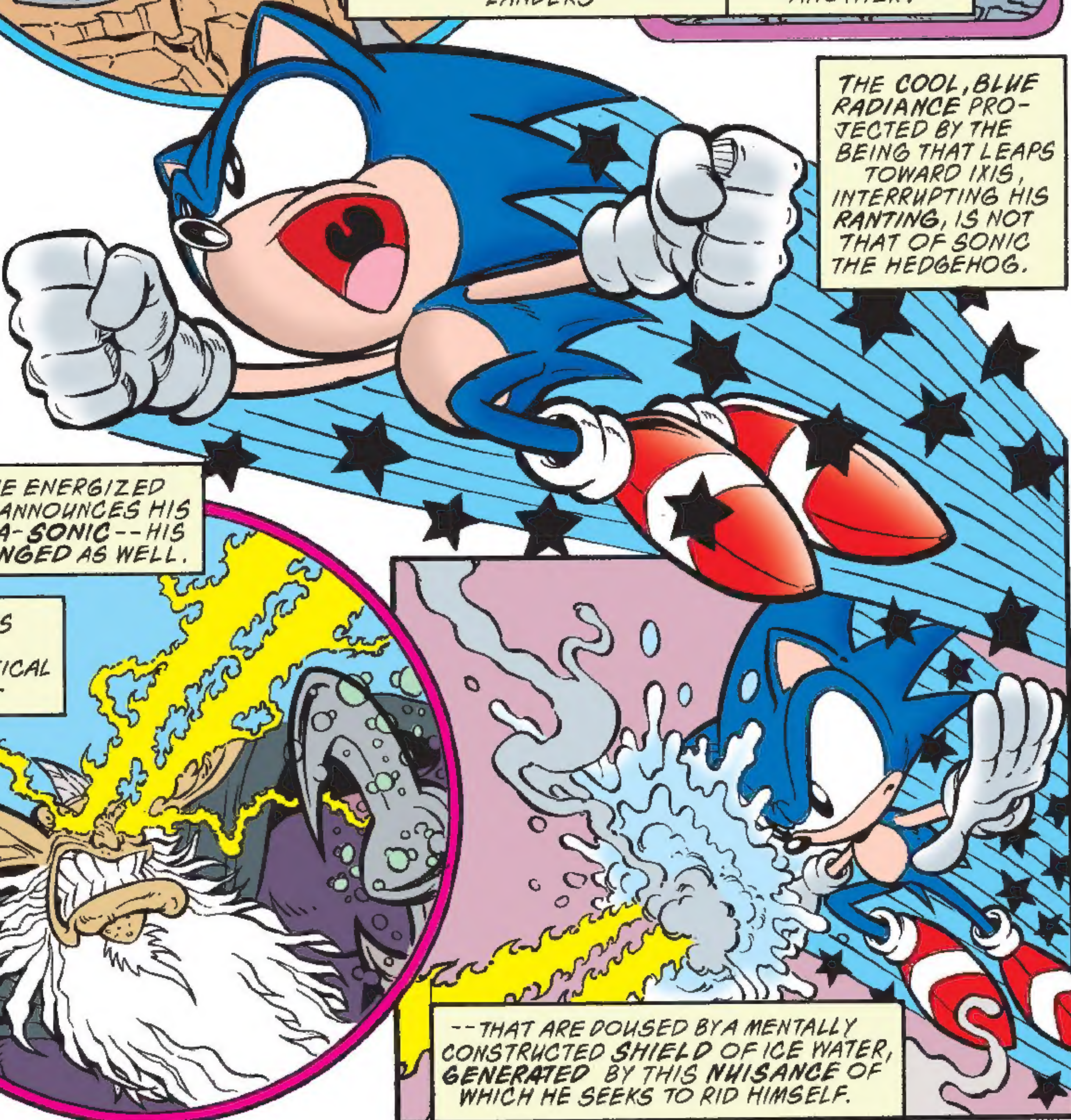


--WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, REVEALING HIS INTENT! WITH HIS NEW-FOUND POWER, HE NOW TOILS TO OPEN THE DOORWAY TO AN ALTERNATE REALITY CALLED--

--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

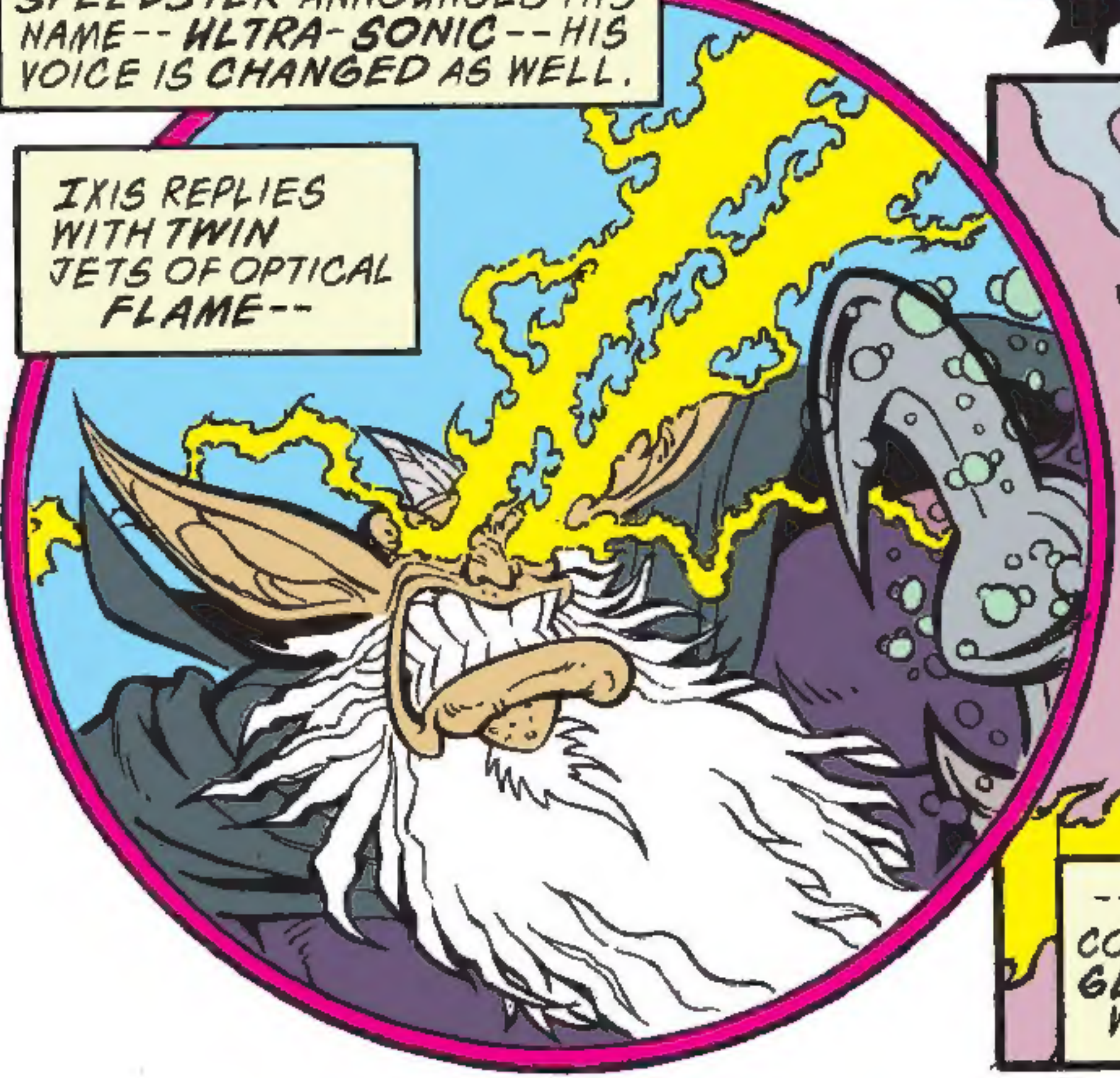
HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY DONE SO YEARS AGO, BACK WHEN HE WAS STILL MOBOTROPOLIS' ROYAL WIZARD. BORED WITH THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE MOBBIANS AND THE OVERLANDERS--

--IXIS LEFT THIS PLANE OF REALITY TO EXPLORE ANOTHER.



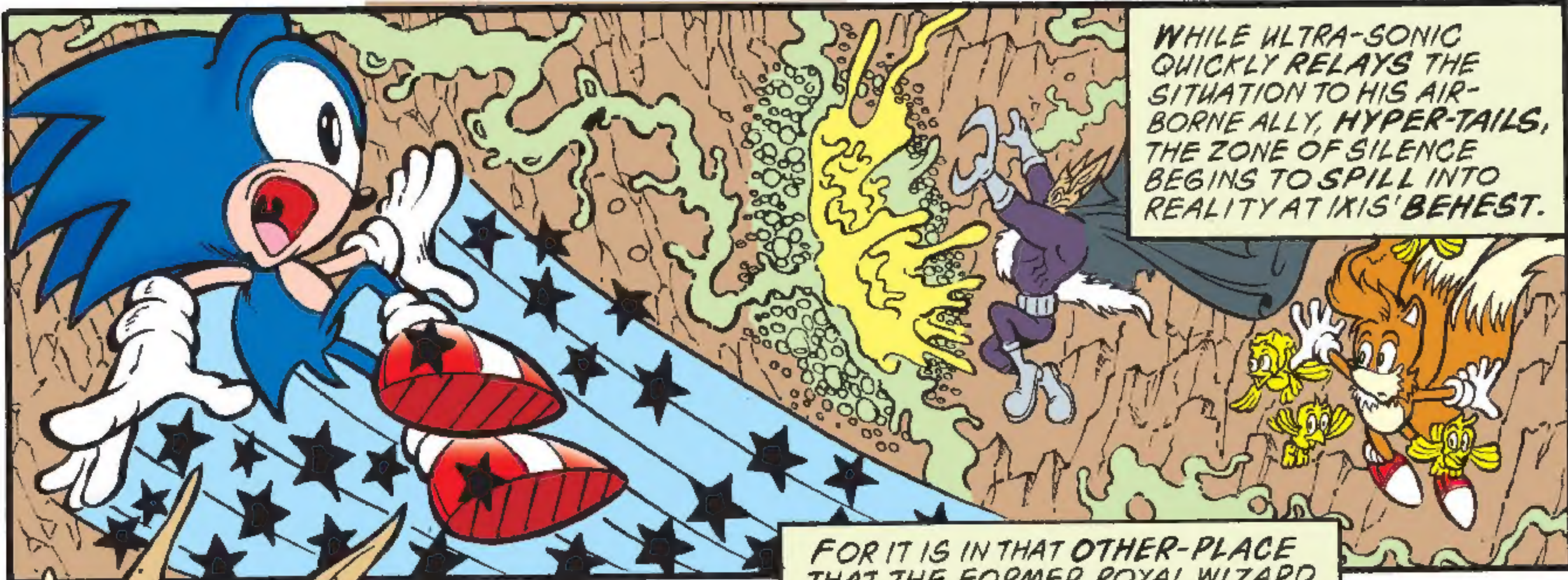
THE COOL, BLUE RADIANCE PROJECTED BY THE BEING THAT LEAPS TOWARD IXIS, INTERRUPTING HIS RANTING, IS NOT THAT OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

AND, WHEN THE ENERGIZED SPEEDSTER ANNOUNCES HIS NAME-- ULTRA-SONIC-- HIS VOICE IS CHANGED AS WELL.



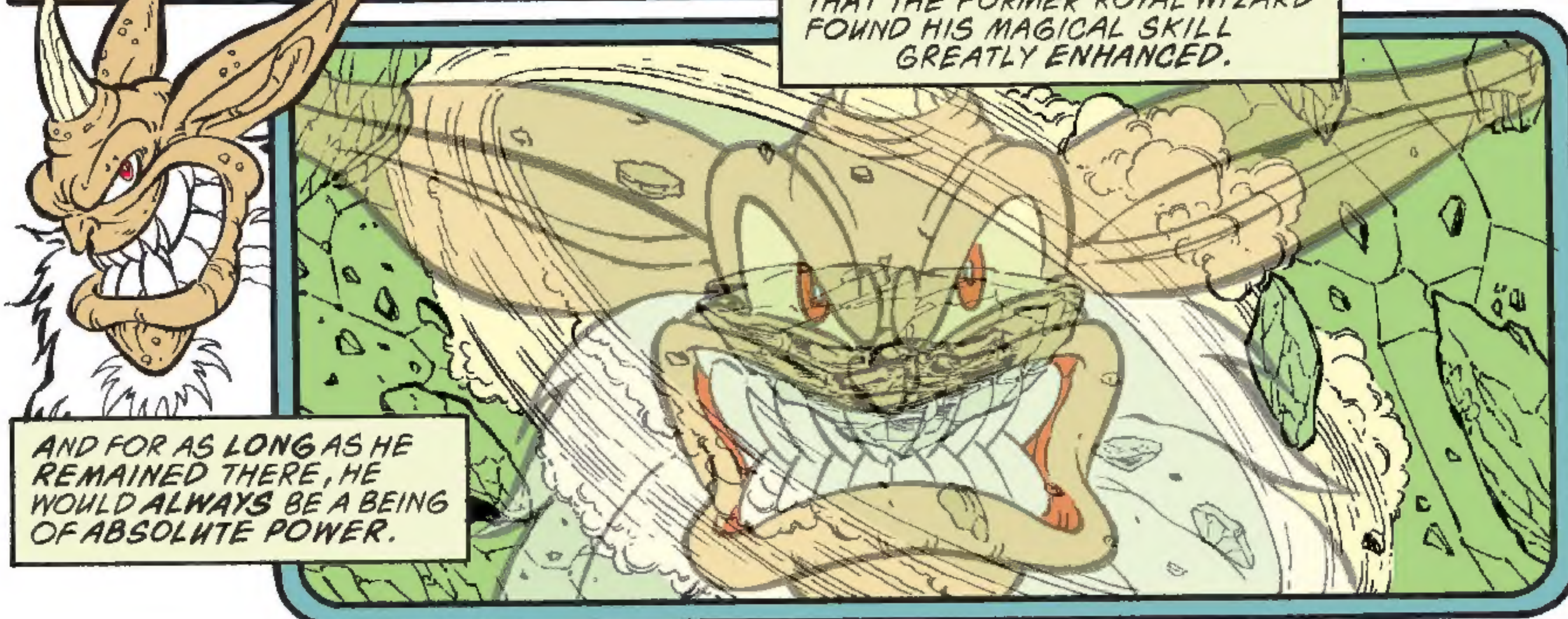
IXIS REPLIES WITH TWIN JETS OF OPTICAL FLAME--

--THAT ARE DOUSED BY A MENTALLY CONSTRUCTED SHIELD OF ICE WATER, GENERATED BY THIS NUISANCE OF WHICH HE SEEKS TO RID HIMSELF.



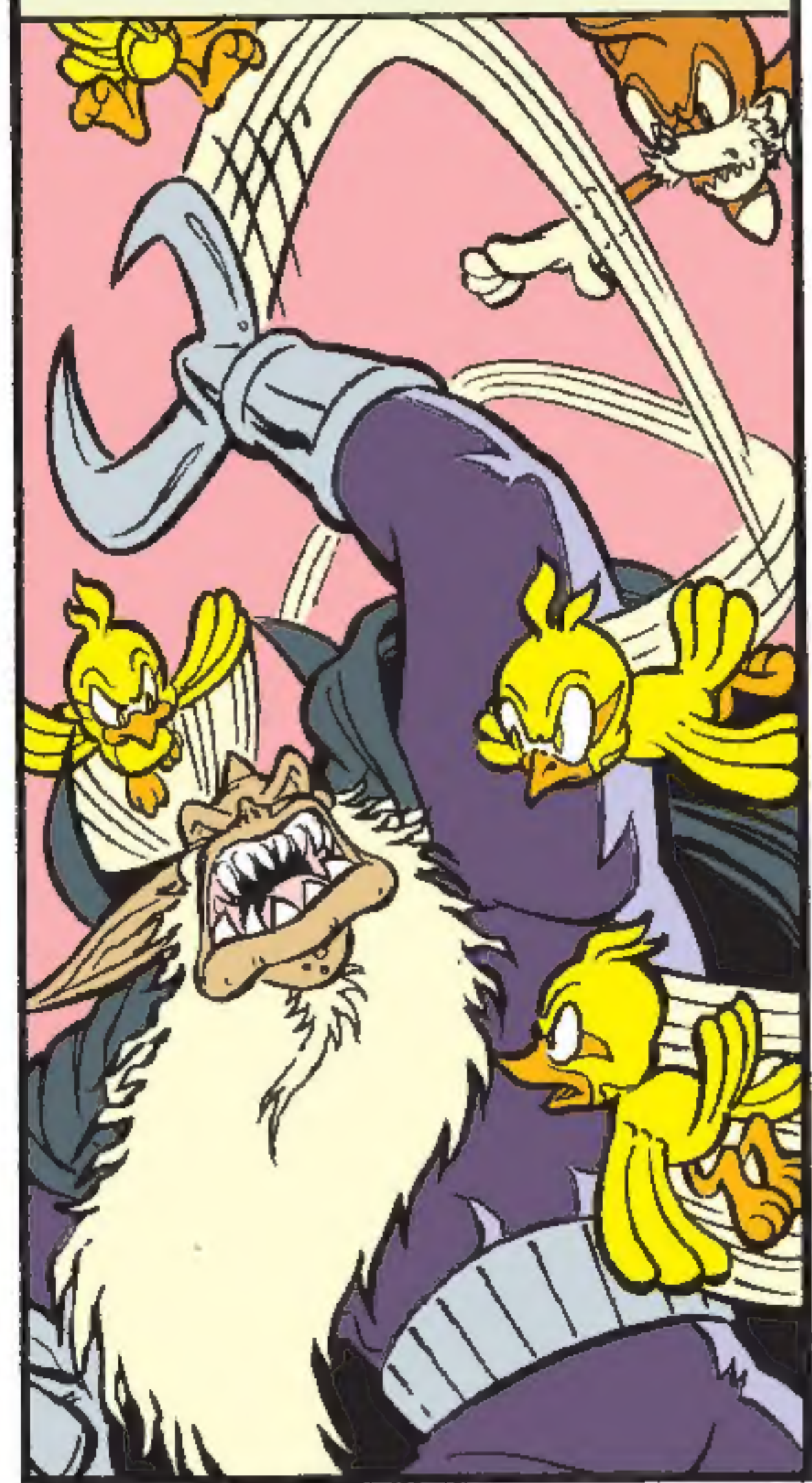
WHILE ULTRA-SONIC QUICKLY RELAYS THE SITUATION TO HIS AIRBORNE ALLY, HYPER-TAILS, THE ZONE OF SILENCE BEGINS TO SPILL INTO REALITY AT IXIS' BEHEST.

FOR IT IS IN THAT OTHER-PLACE THAT THE FORMER ROYAL WIZARD FOUND HIS MAGICAL SKILL GREATLY ENHANCED.

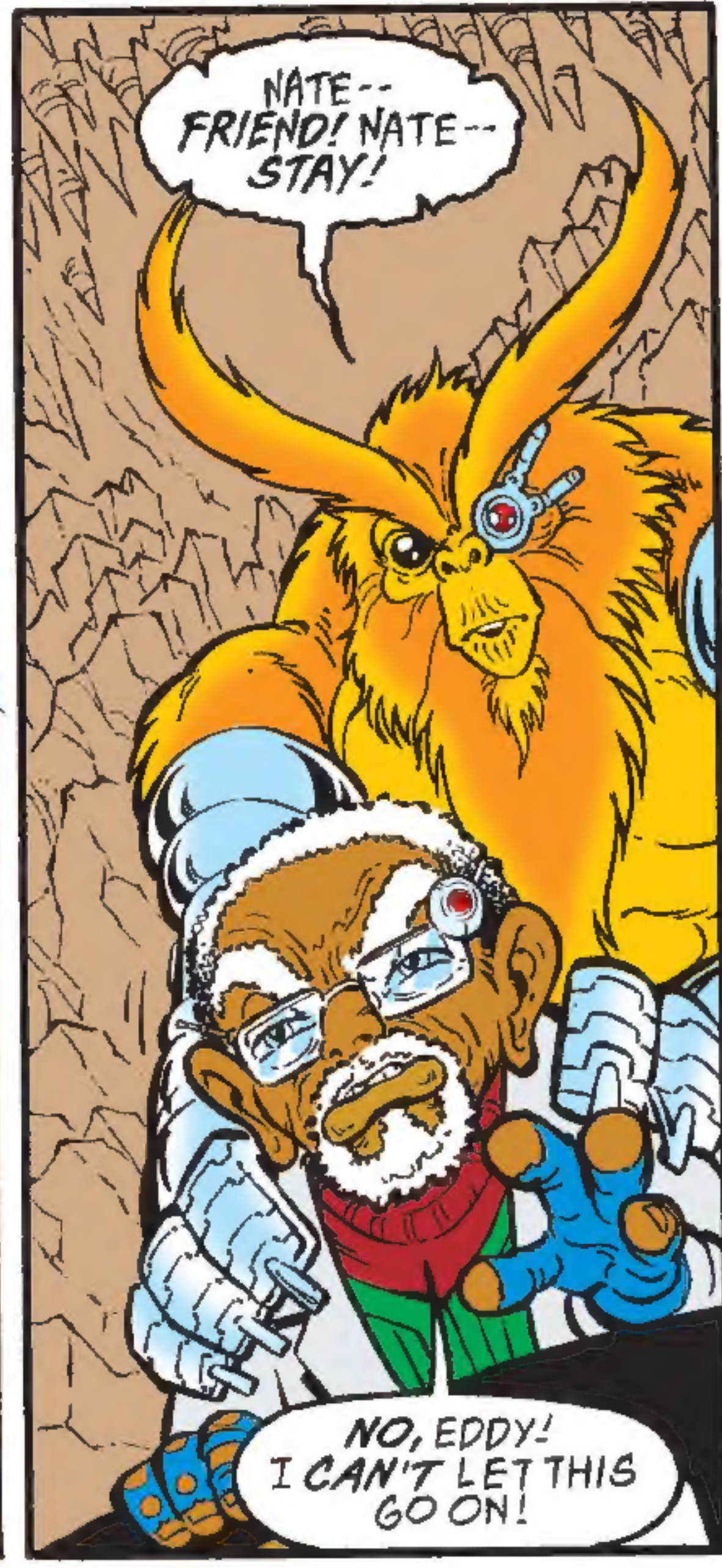


AND FOR AS LONG AS HE REMAINED THERE, HE WOULD ALWAYS BE A BEING OF ABSOLUTE POWER.

HYPER-TAILS THEN SETS HIS SQUADRON OF FEATHERED FAMILIARS UPON THE VILLAN TO MAKE SURE HISTORY WON'T REPEAT ITSELF.



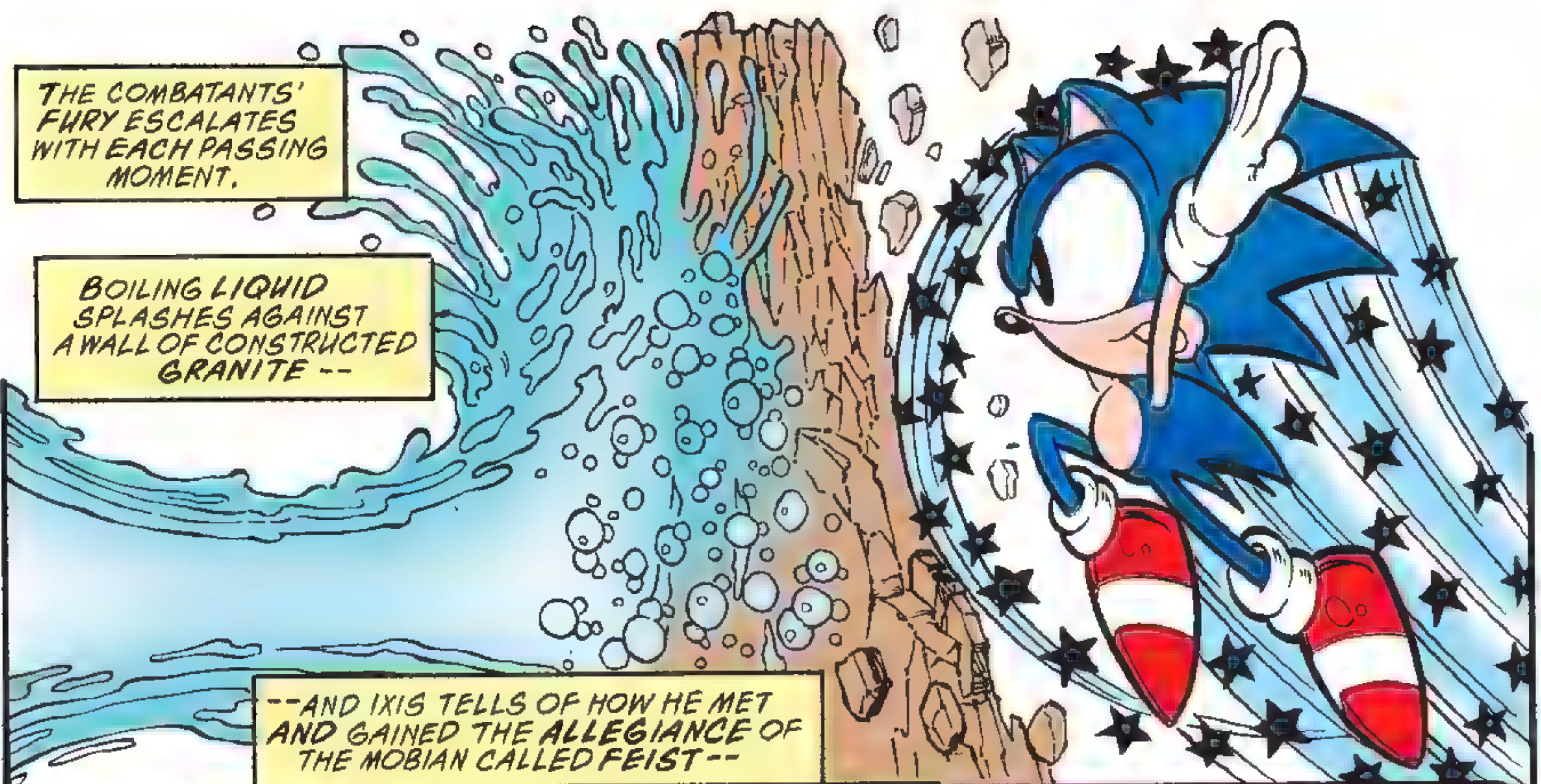
BUT WITH A WAVE OF A MORE-THAN-CAPABLE CLAW, HYPER-TAILS' CHIRPING CHARGES ARE SUDDENLY FROZEN IN FLIGHT.



NO, EDDY! I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON!

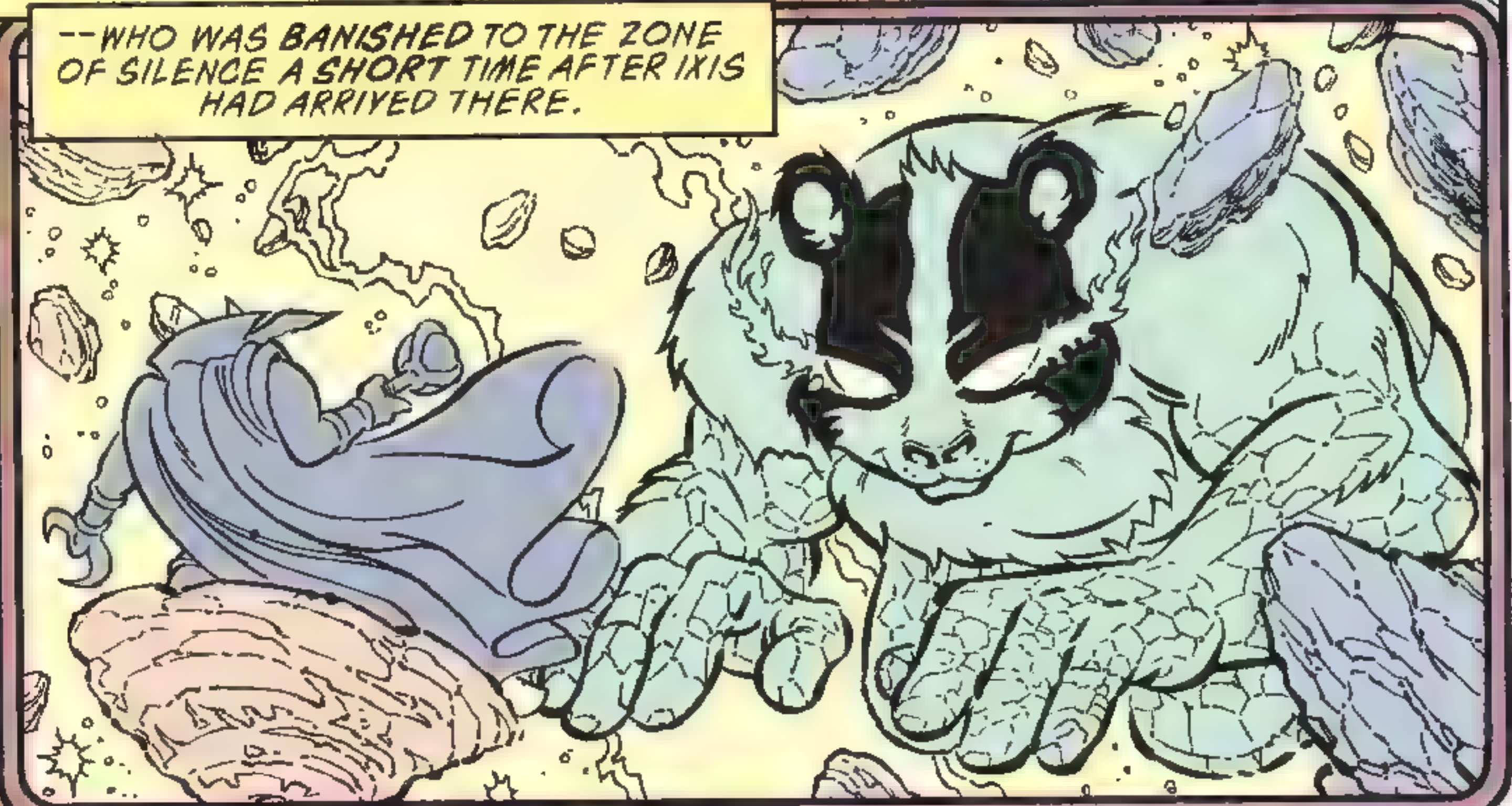
THE COMBATANTS' FURY ESCALATES WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.

BOILING LIQUID SPLASHES AGAINST A WALL OF CONSTRUCTED GRANITE --



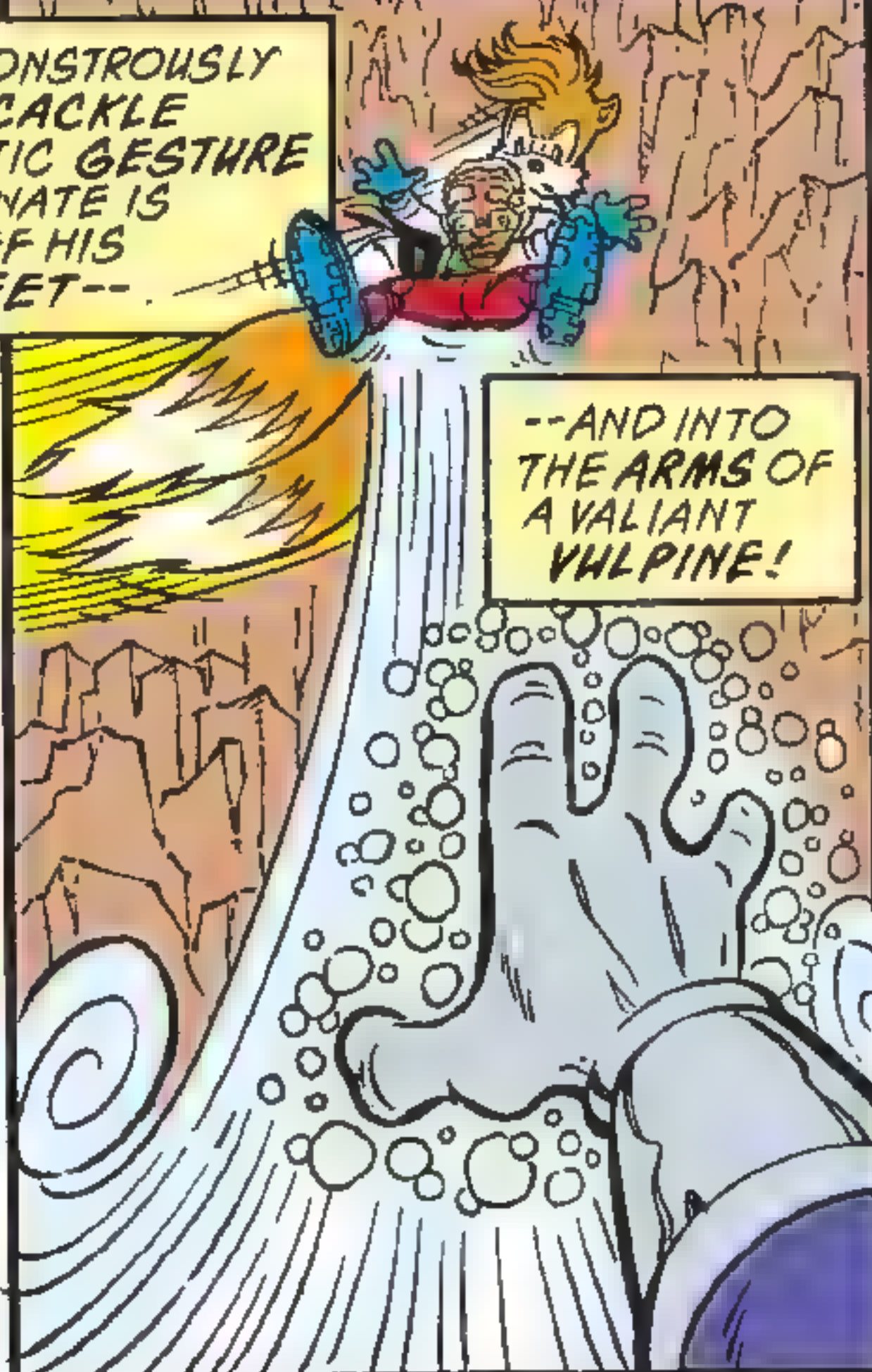
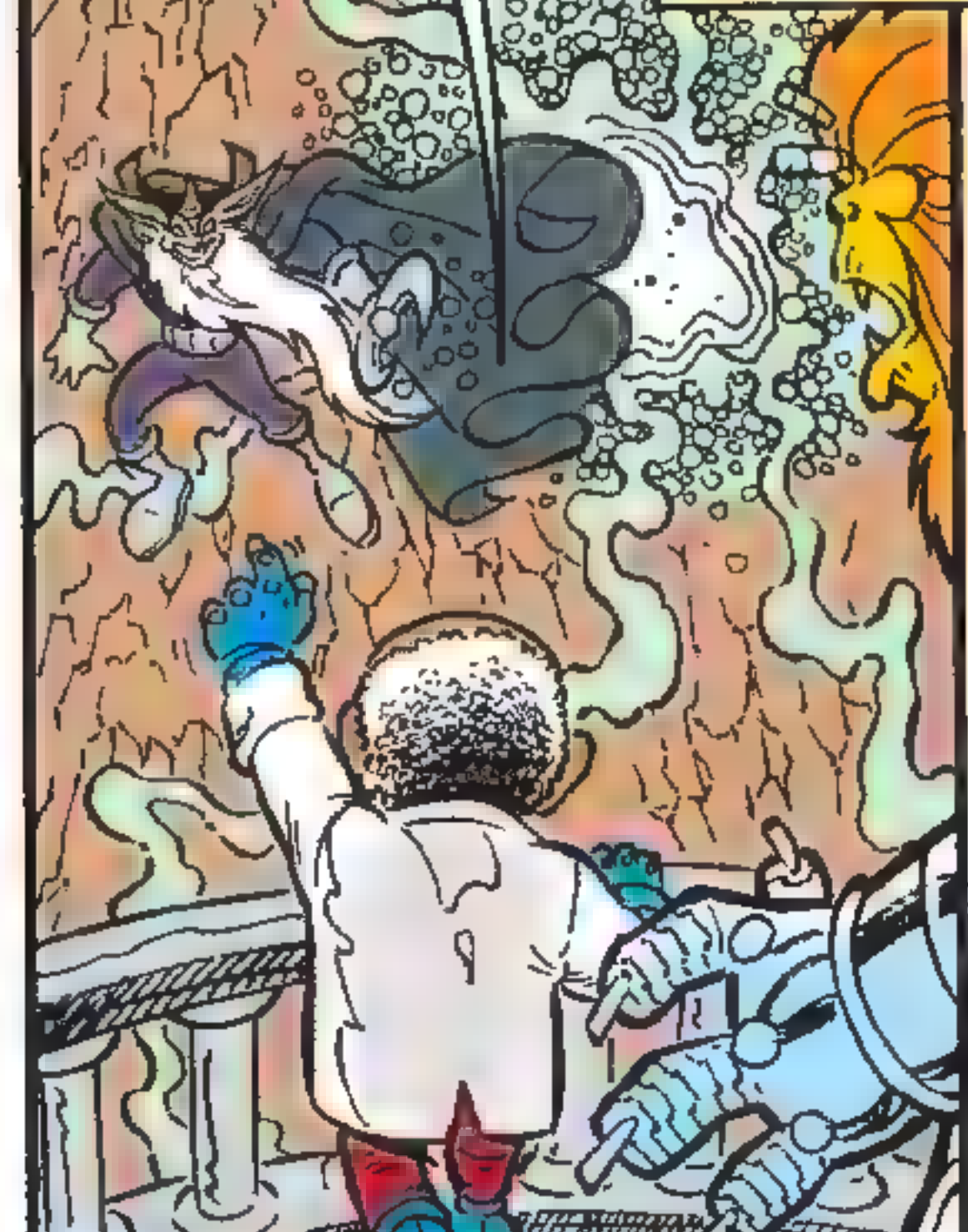
--AND IXIS TELLS OF HOW HE MET AND GAINED THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE MOBIAN CALLED FEIST--

--WHO WAS BANISHED TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE A SHORT TIME AFTER IXIS HAD ARRIVED THERE.



HOW DARE YOU WRECK MY HOME, NAUGUS?!

AFTER A MONSTROUSLY PIERCING CACKLE AND A MYSTIC GESTURE LATER, NATE IS SWEEPED OFF HIS FEET--



--AND INTO THE ARMS OF A VALIANT VULPINE!

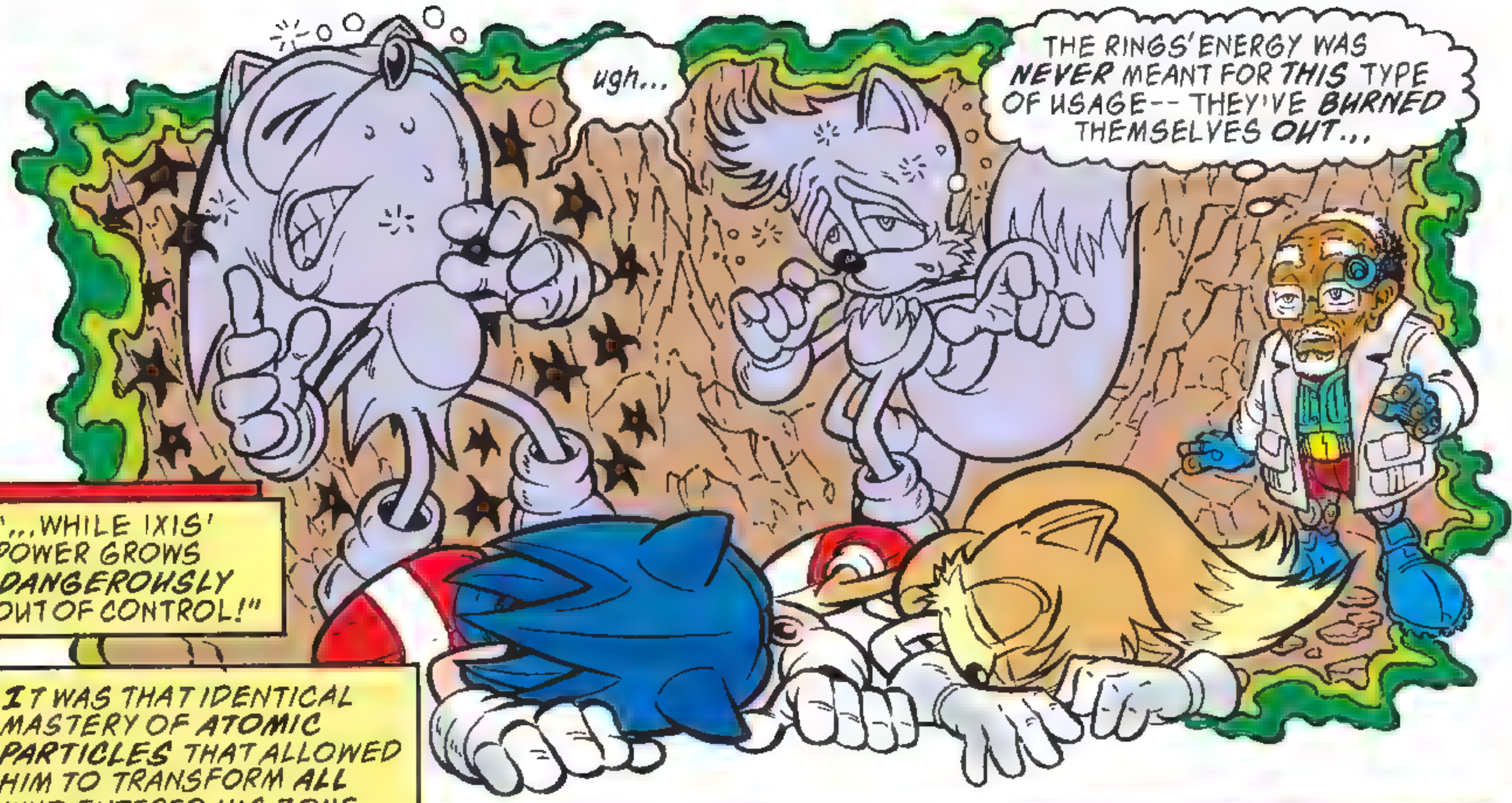
THEN...

WHAT HAPPENED, TAILS?

I CAN'T REMEMBER, SONIC... FEEL SO WEAK...



INCREDIBLE! THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THEIR TRANSFORMATION!



THE RINGS' ENERGY WAS NEVER MEANT FOR THIS TYPE OF USAGE-- THEY'VE BURNED THEMSELVES OUT...

ugh...

"...WHILE IXIS' POWER GROWS DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL!"

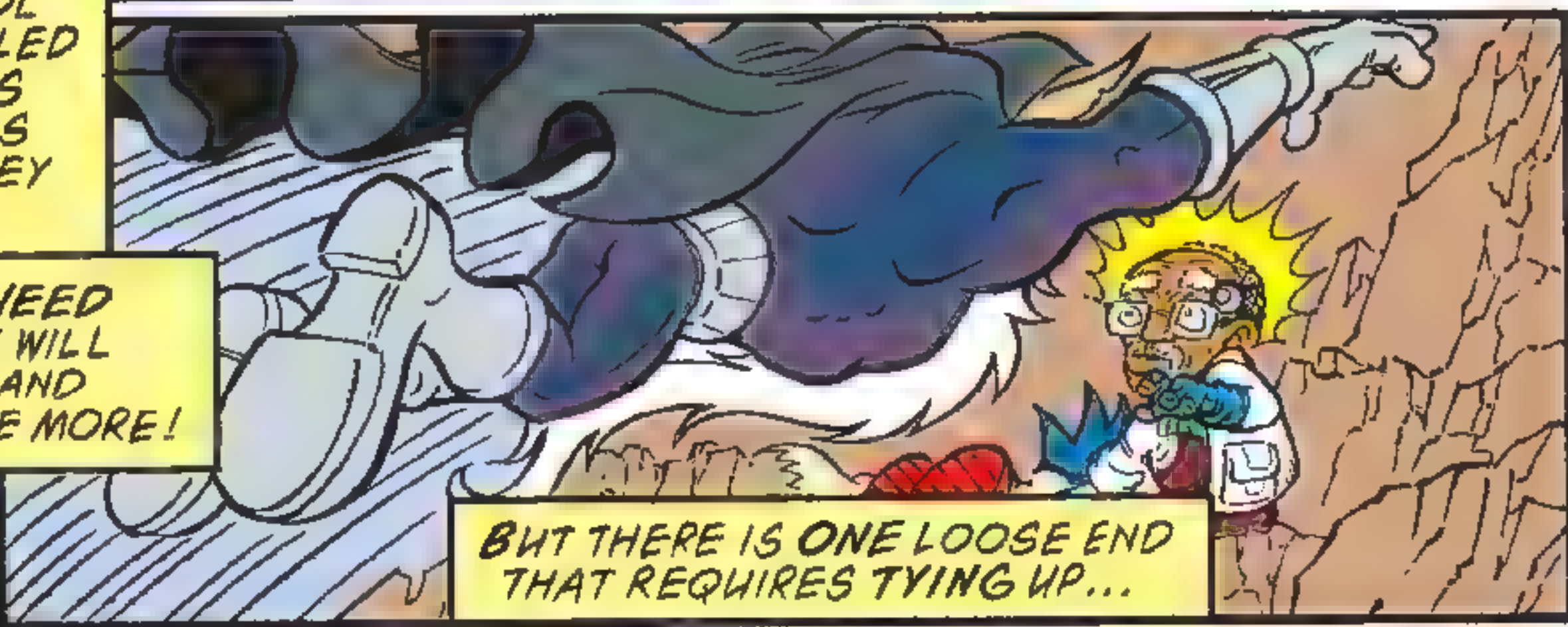
IT WAS THAT IDENTICAL MASTERY OF ATOMIC PARTICLES THAT ALLOWED HIM TO TRANSFORM ALL WHO ENTERED HIS ZONE--

-- THE WARLORD KODOS, KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN, ARACHNIS AND MANY OTHERS --



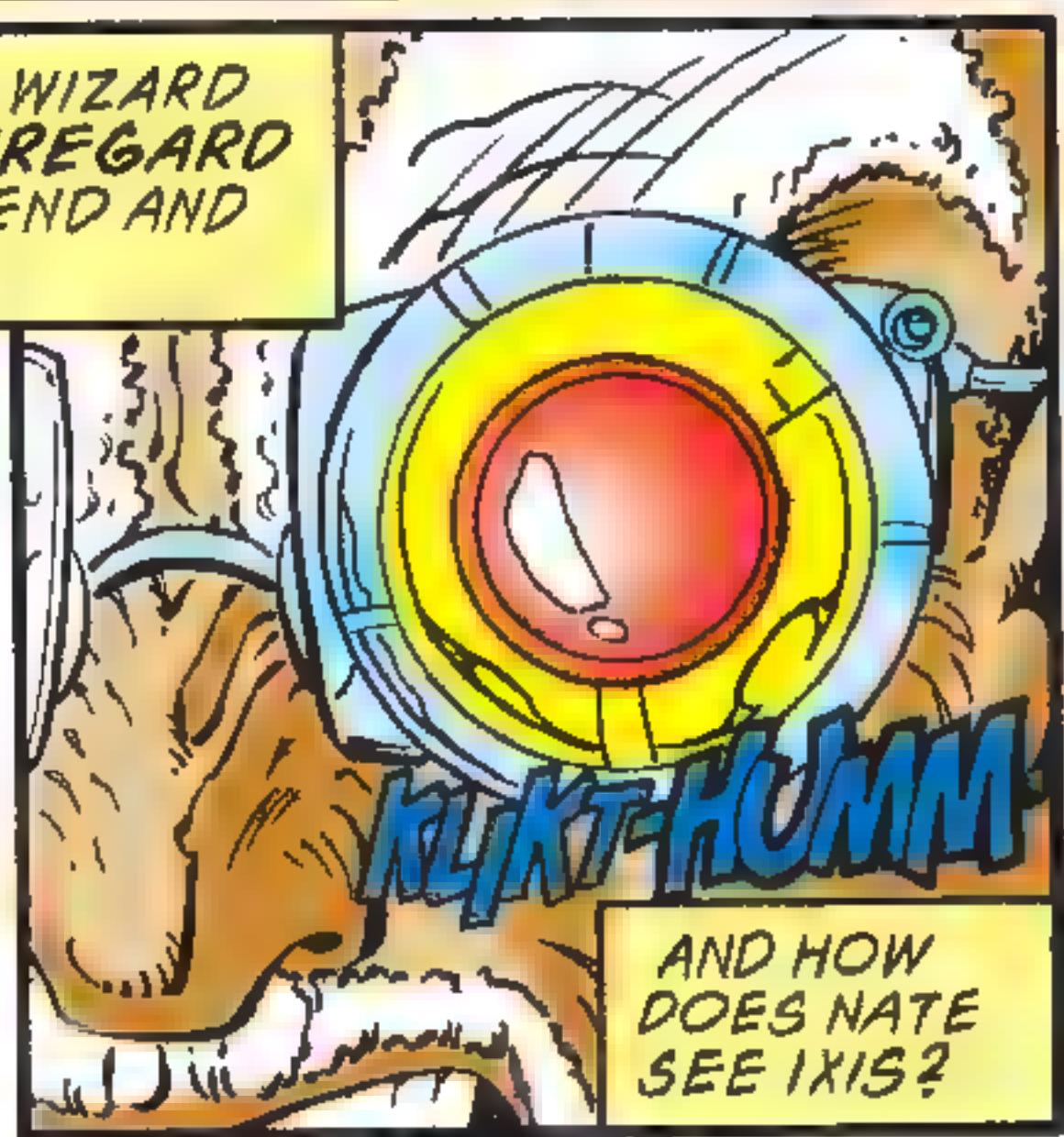
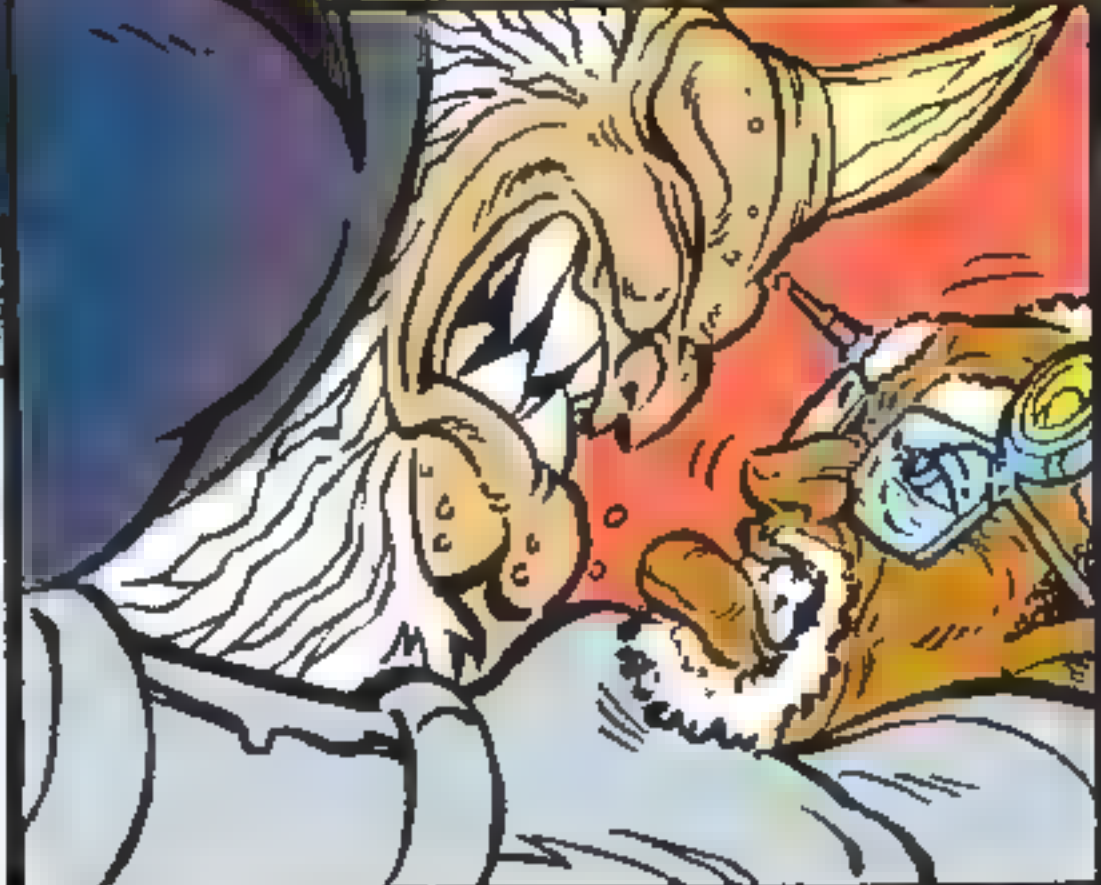
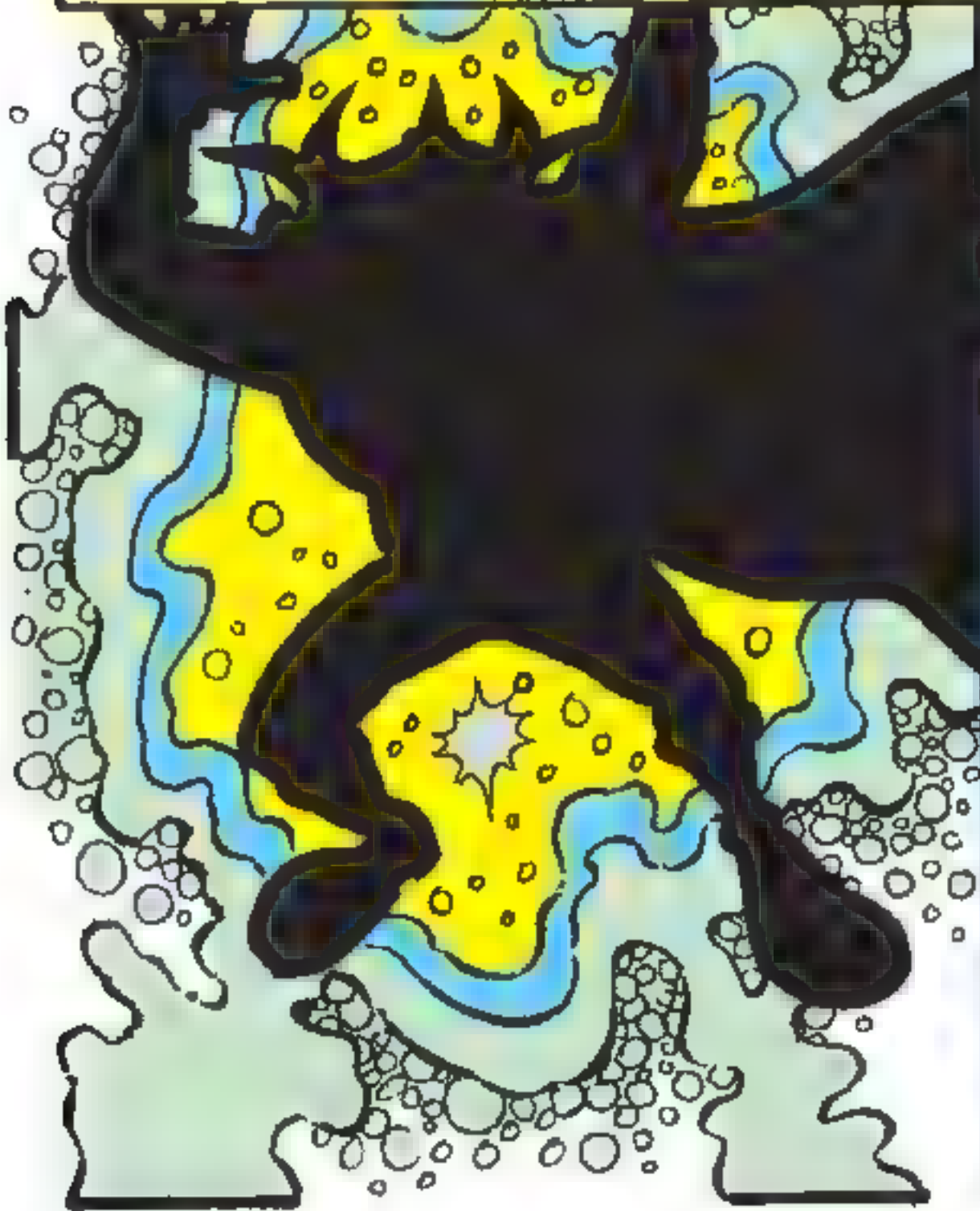
-- INTO CRYSTALLIZED FORMS. THEY WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR CRYSTALLIZATION THAT ENABLED THEM ALL TO SURVIVE THE RAVAGES OF THAT LOST LOCALE AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED LOYAL TO IXIS. THEY BECAME HIS LEGION.

SOON, THOUGH, NAGGUS WILL NEED NO ONE. THE ZONE OF SILENCE WILL HAVE REPLACED THIS REALITY, AND IXIS WILL REIGN SUPREME ONCE MORE!



BUT THERE IS ONE LOOSE END THAT REQUIRES TYING UP...

...THAT IS HOW THE EVIL WIZARD SEES NATHANIEL BEAUREGARD MORGAN-- AS A LOOSE END AND NO MORE.



AND HOW DOES NATE SEE IXIS?

IN A NEW LIGHT!
AN INSTANT
LATER...

NOOOOOO
KAZORCH

...AND THE
BATTLE IS
OVER.

WITH BUT A WISH,
TRUE OF HEART,
FROM THE POWERFUL
HIDDEN RING IN
HIS EYE-PIECE...
IXIS IS GONE AND
THE ZONE OF
SILENCE HAS BEEN
RESEALED.

AND THE
HEROES...?

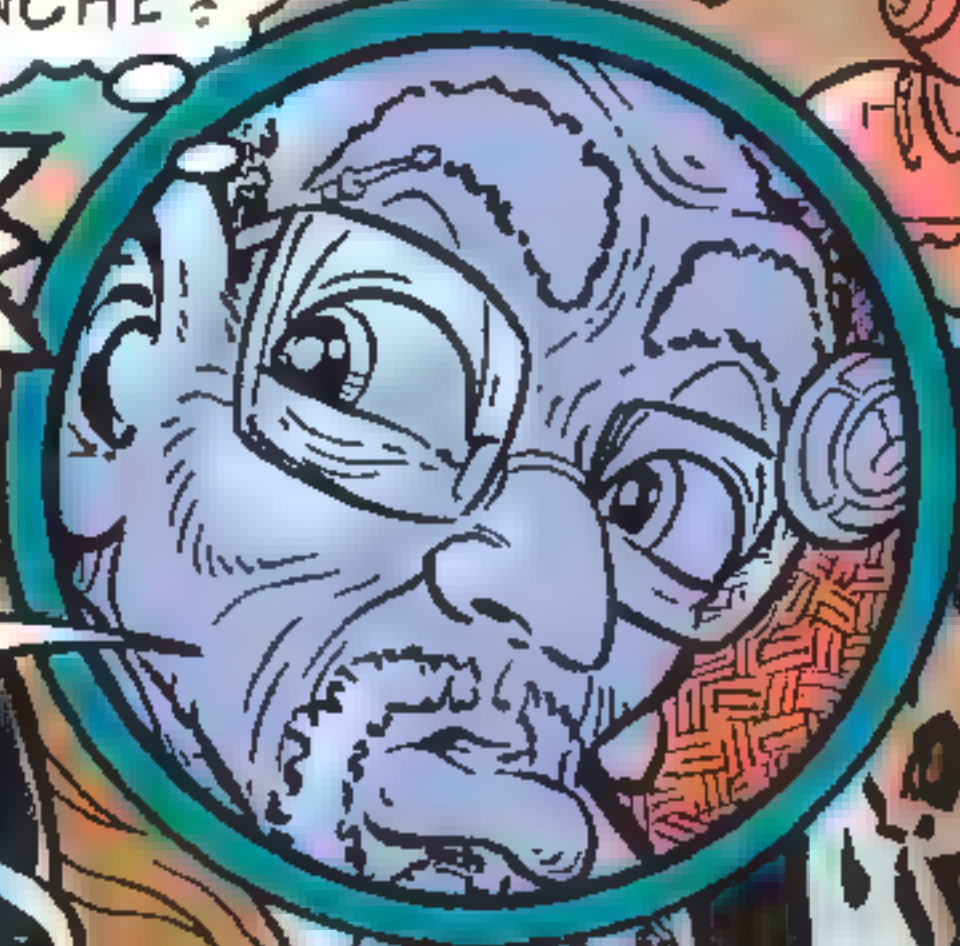
uhh...

RUMMMBBB!!!

WHOOOPS!
ANOTHER
AVALANCHE?

ROWRR!

EDDY?

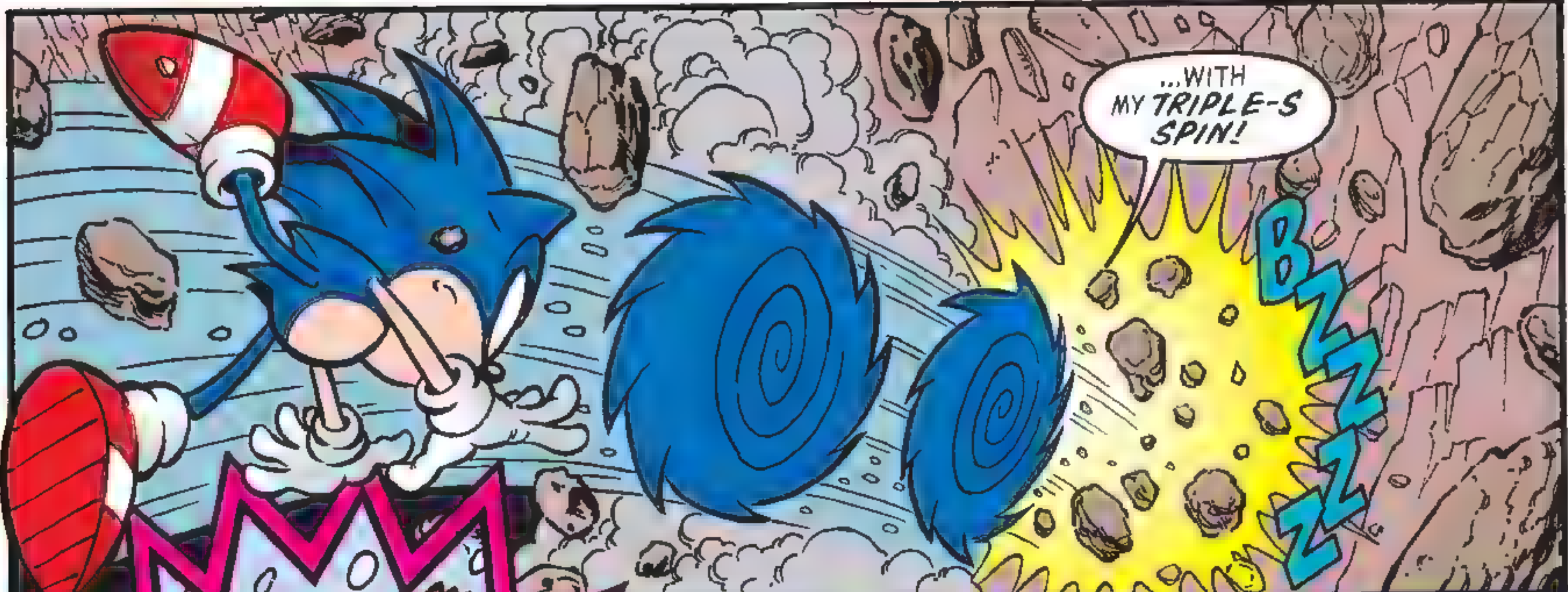


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NO!

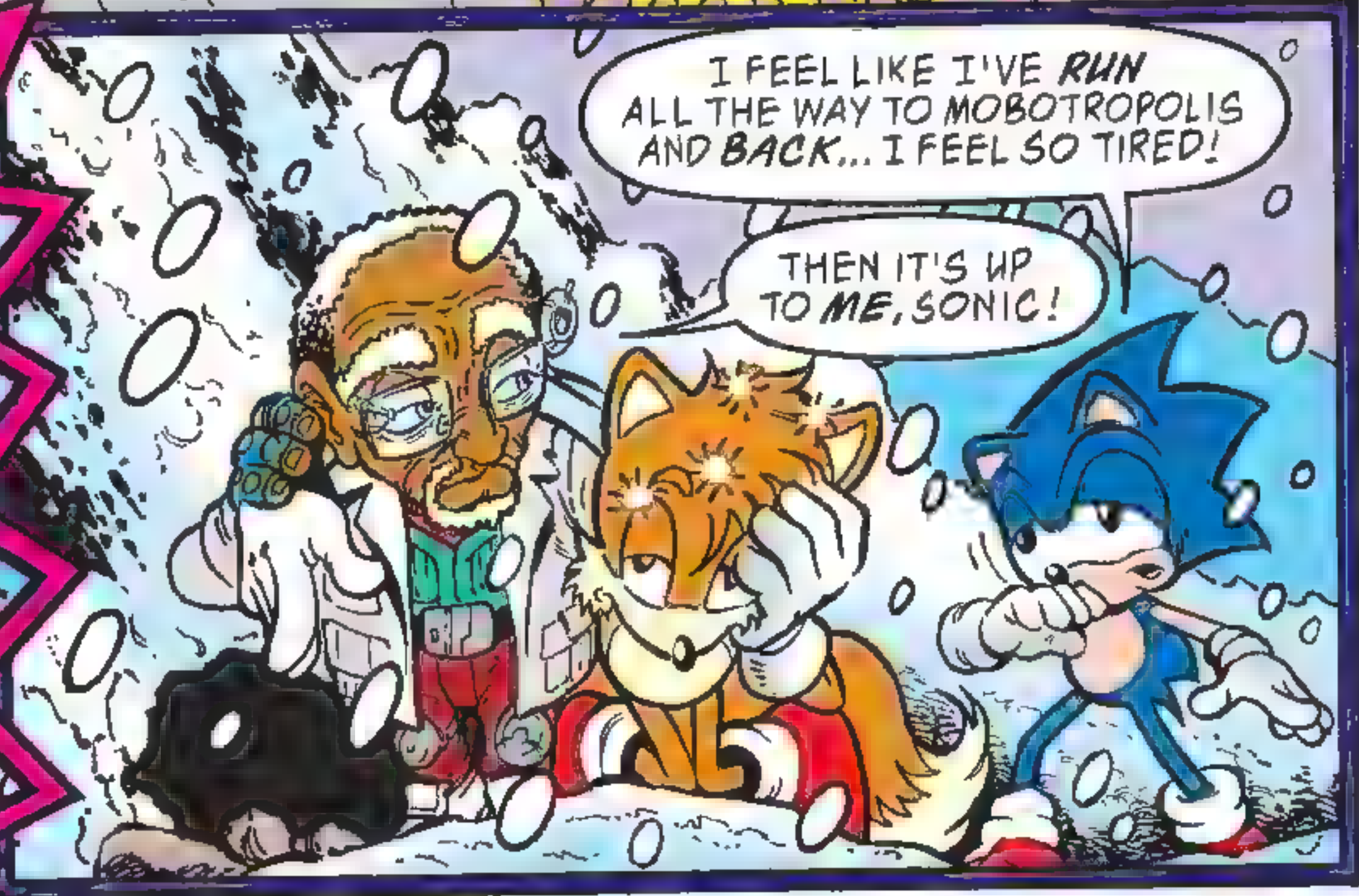
EDDY! WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT OF HERE--

"--BEFORE
THE ROOF
CAVES IN!"

I'M ON
IT...



...WITH MY TRIPLE-S SPIN!



I FEEL LIKE I'VE RUN ALL THE WAY TO MOBOTROPOLIS AND BACK... I FEEL SO TIRED!

THEN IT'S UP TO ME, SONIC!

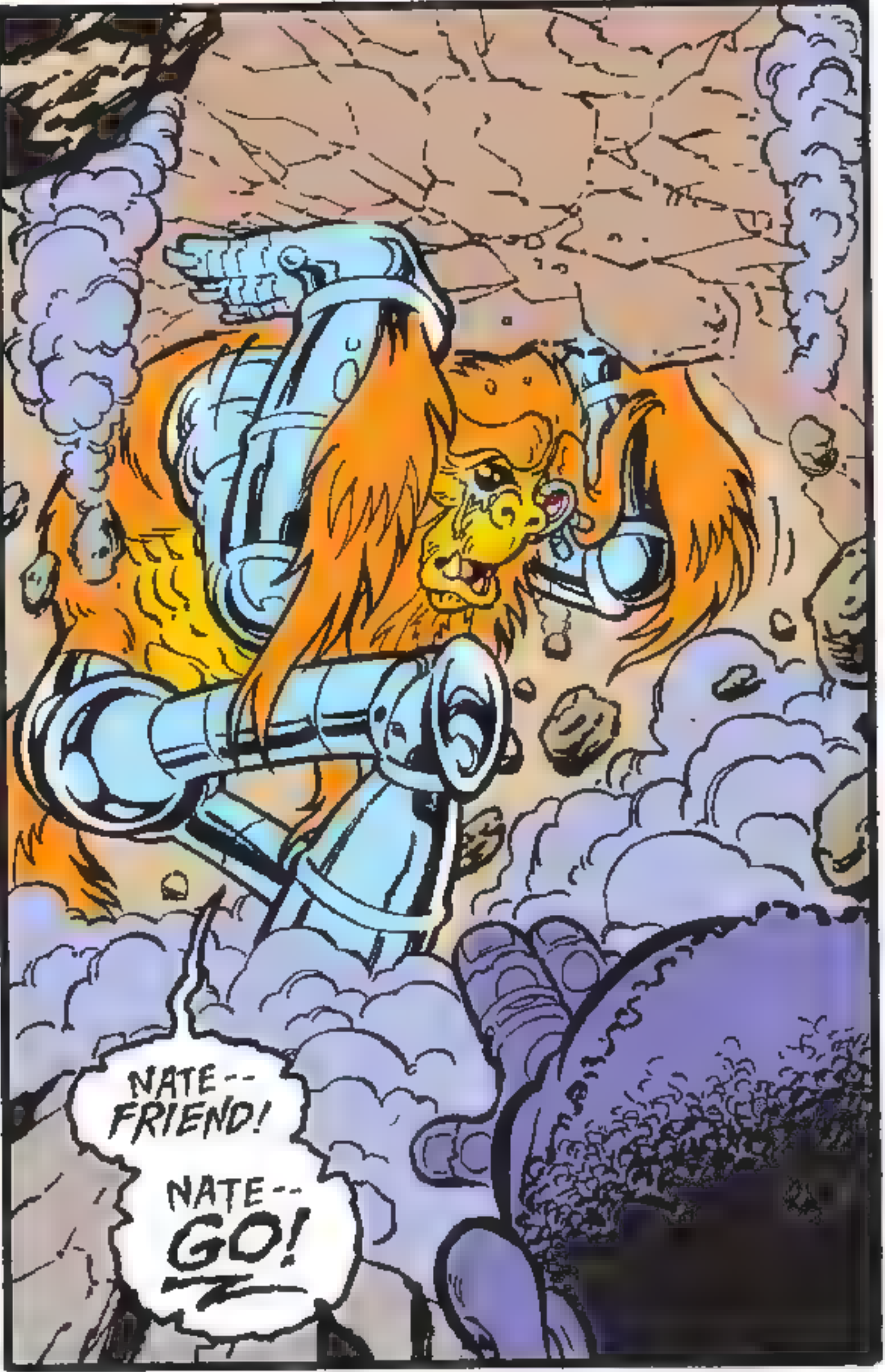
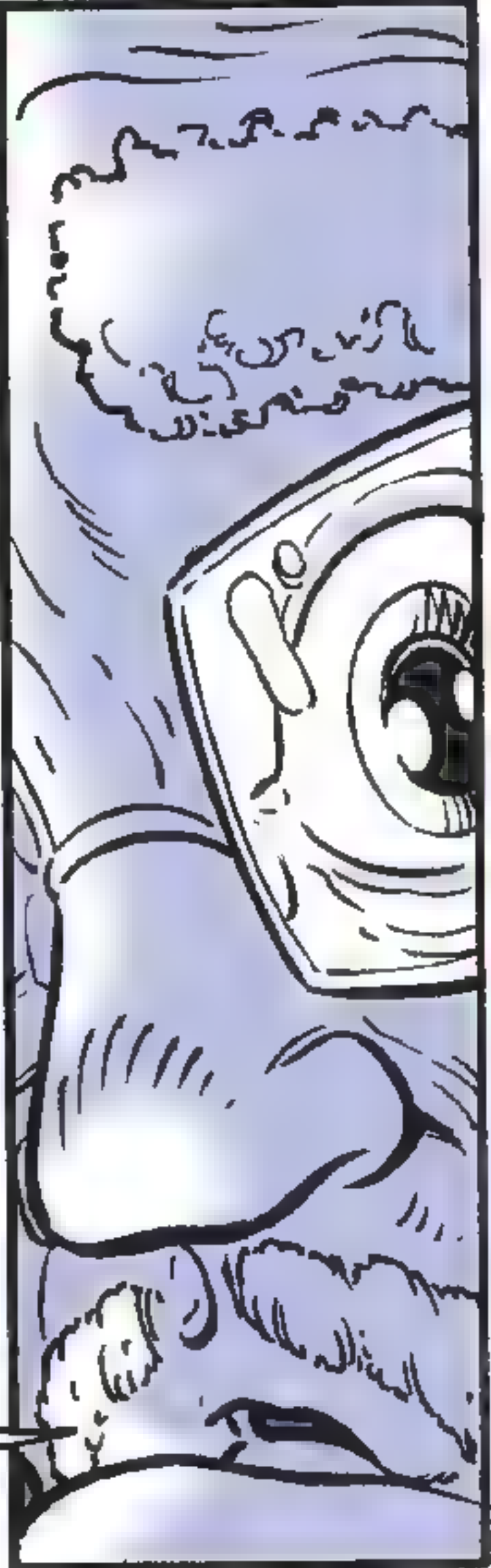


NATE!
WAIT!

I CAN'T!
HOLD ON,
EDDY!

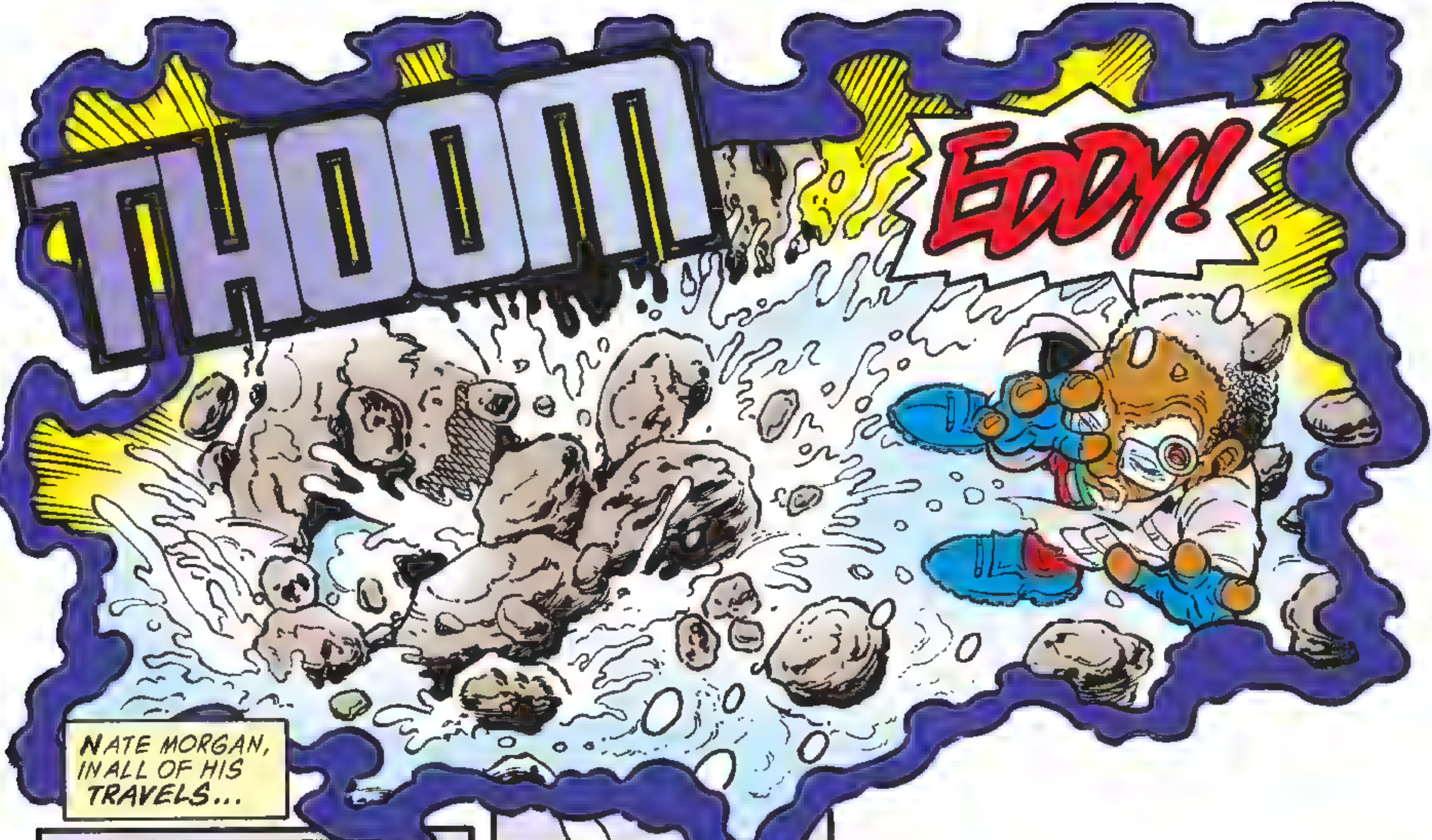
HOLD...

...ON.



NATE--
FRIEND!

NATE--
GO!



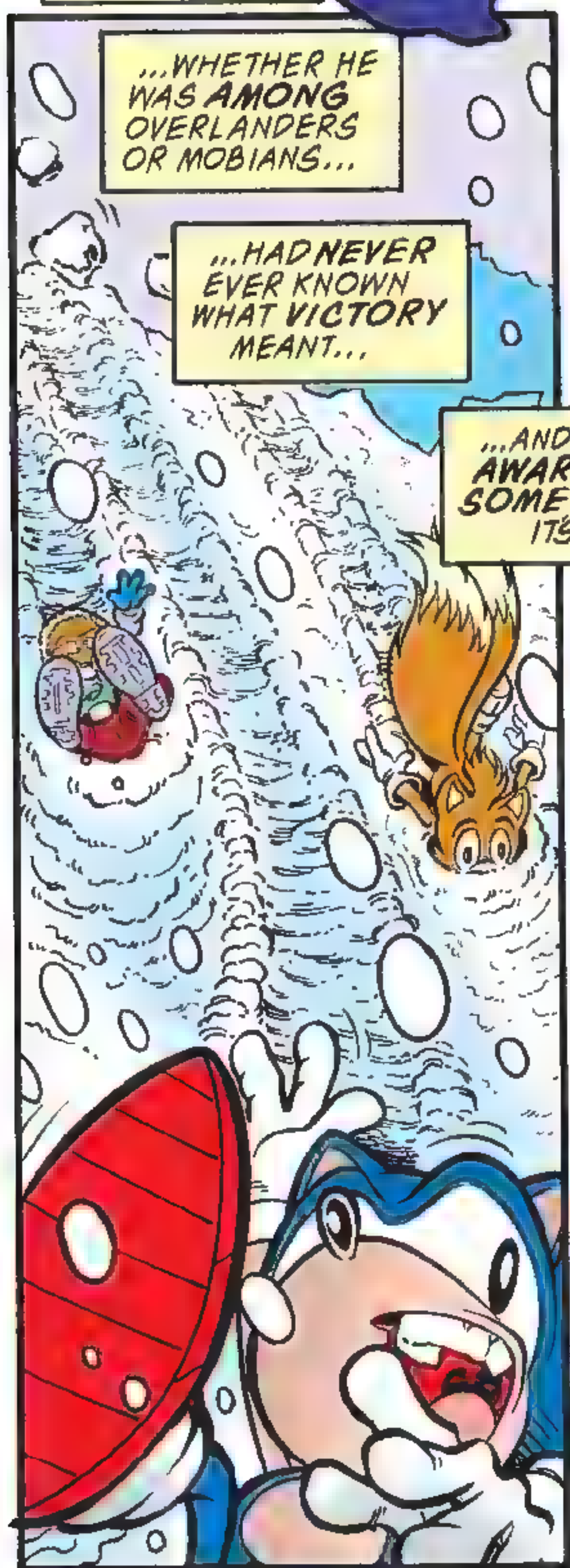
NATE MORGAN,
IN ALL OF HIS
TRAVELS...

...WHETHER HE
WAS AMONG
OVERLANDERS
OR MOBIANS...

...HAD NEVER
EVER KNOWN
WHAT VICTORY
MEANT...

...AND SO, WAS NOT
AWARE THAT
SOMETIMES HAS
ITS PRICE...

TODAY, NATE
HAS FINALLY
WON A BATTLE...



...AND AT LAST
PAID DEARLY.

end

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE
(or the until now untold origin of Ixis Naugus!)

NO ONE RECALLS WHAT HAPPENED ON PLANET MOBILUS BEFORE THE FINAL DAYS OF FURY OVER A HUNDRED YEARS PAST.

ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ON THAT DAY, A SIGNIFICANT CATAclysm SHOOK THE CONTINENTS TO THEIR VERY FOUNDATIONS--

-- AND WIPED OUT ALL HISTORICAL RECORDS THE WORLD OVER.

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STILL THERE ARE THOSE...

POFF

... WHO SEEK THE HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE CONTAINED WITHIN THE PAST.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE MET WITH FAILURE, BROTHERS!

AGUNUS, SPEAKS THE TRUTH, NUSGAU! EVEN OUR COMBINED SPELLS CAN NOT ALLOW US THREE TO GLEAN WHAT CAUSED THE DAMAGE TO OUR WORLD CENTURIES BEFORE!



THAT MATTERS *NOT*, SUGUNA! IF WE CANNOT HARNESS THOSE SAME ENERGIES THAT SHATTERED THE GLOBE PREVIOUSLY, THEN THE ANCIENT ORDER OF IXIS SHALL DEVISE OTHER MEANS WITH WHICH TO ACHIEVE POWER!

I HAVE HEIGHTENED MY MYSTICAL ABILITIES TO GIVE ME NOT ONLY *COMMAND* OF THE WIND, BUT OVER YOUR NATIVE ELEMENTS AS WELL!

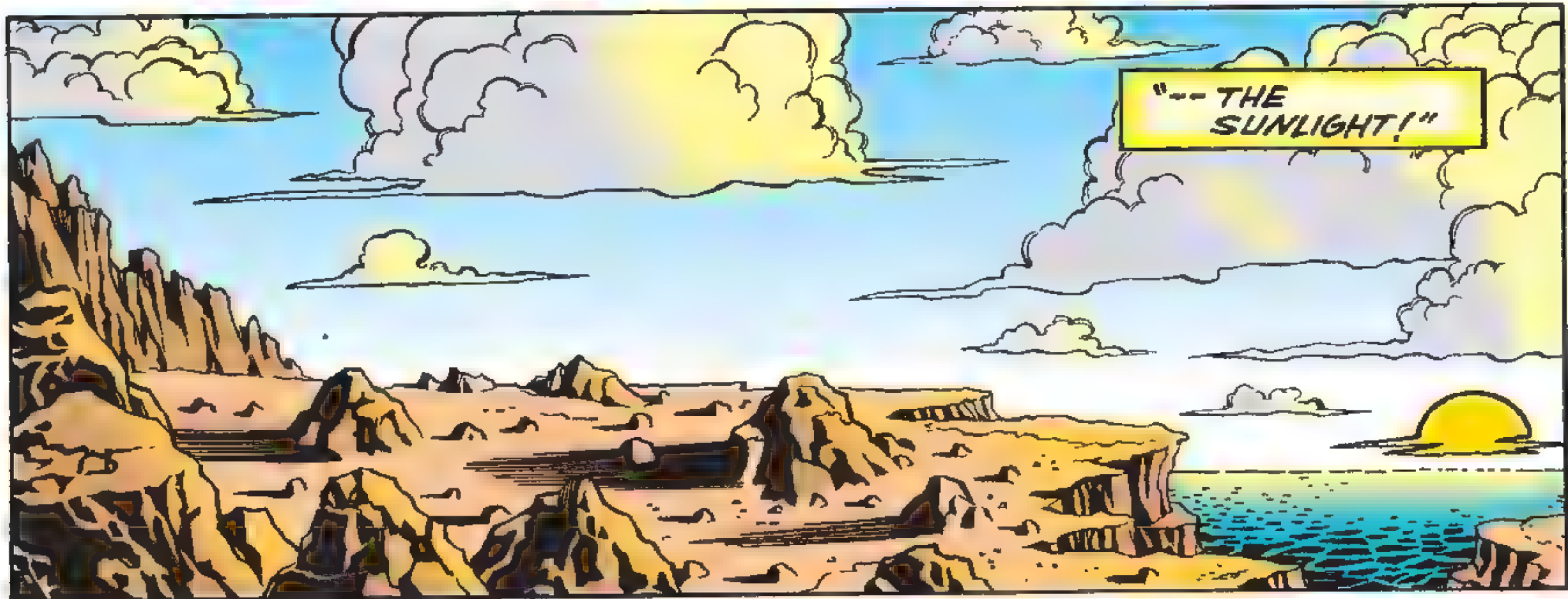
LIES! I AM THE ONE SOLE MASTER OF THE EARTH!

AND I OF THE WATER!

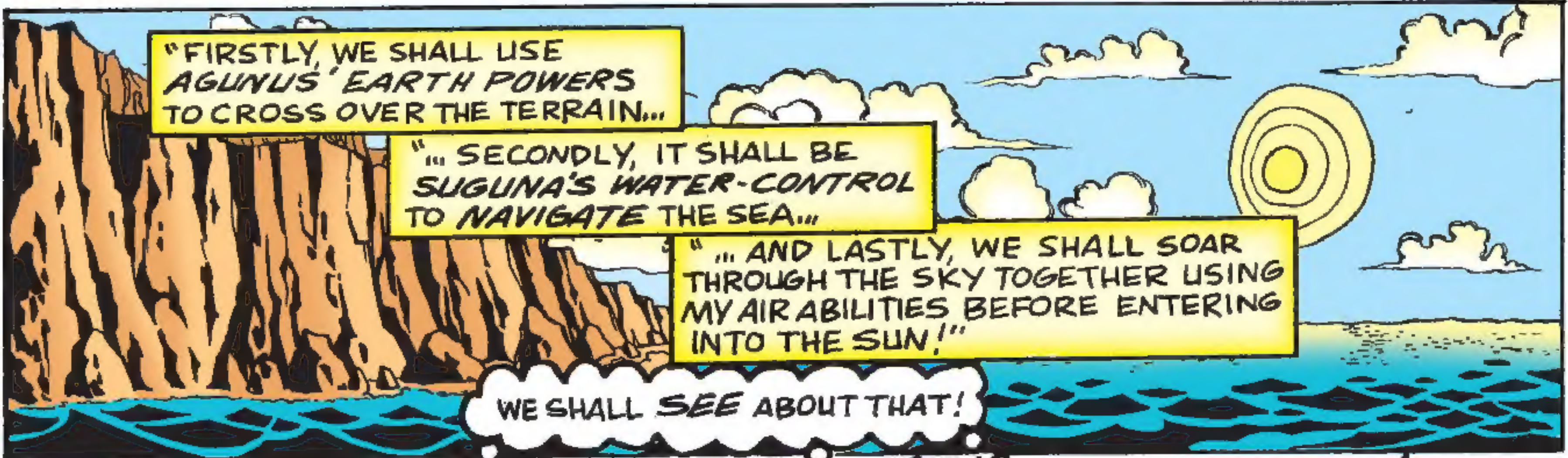
PETTY, FOOLS! HAVE WE NOT TRADED THE SECRETS OF NATURE'S ELEMENTS WITH EACH OTHER TO *COMBINE* OUR MIGHT? OR DID YOU *FORGET* THAT EACH OF US NOW POSSESSES THE SAME ABILITIES?

THERE IS ONLY ONE LAST ELEMENT TO CONTROL AND THEN WE SHALL BE *UNSTOPPABLE!*

BUT TO DO SO, WE MUST EMERGE INTO--



IT IS FROM ITS SOURCE THAT WE SHALL LEARN THE SECRET OF... *FIRE!*

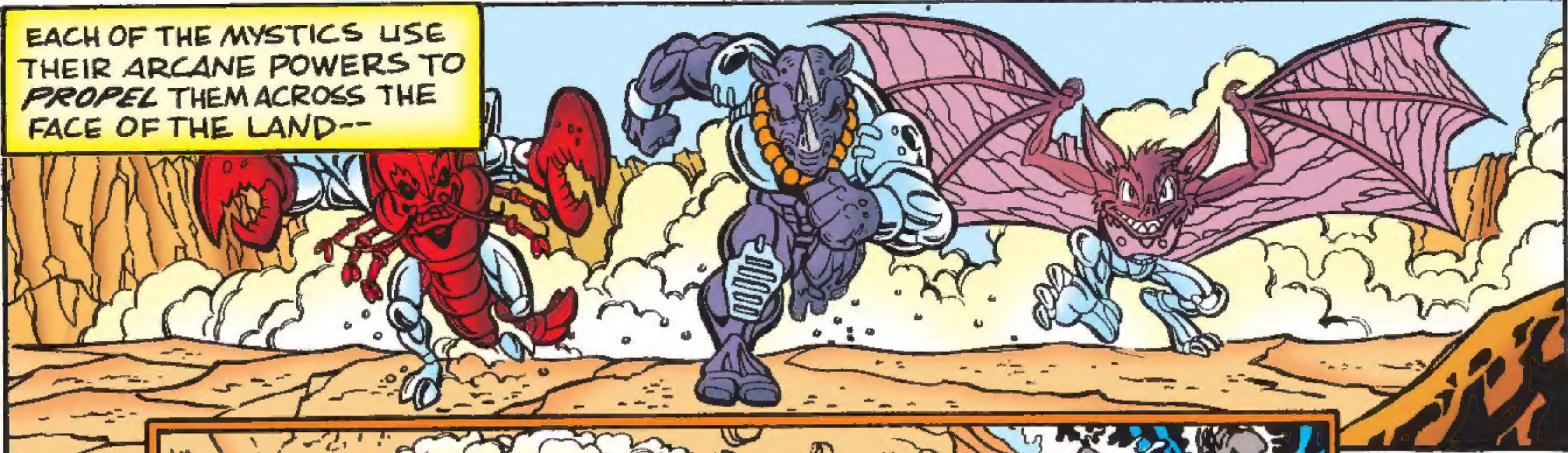
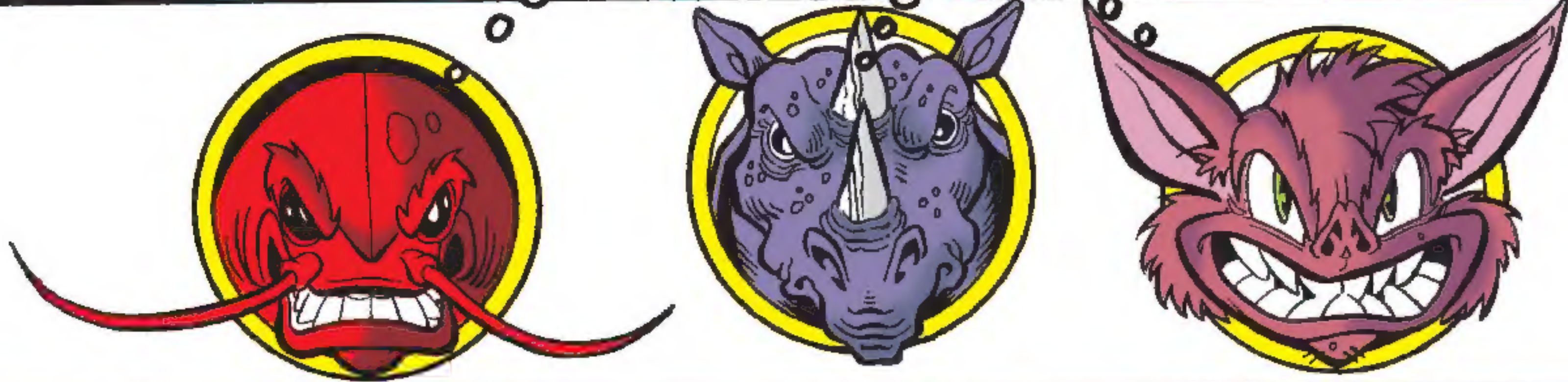


"FIRSTLY, WE SHALL USE AGUNUS' EARTH POWERS TO CROSS OVER THE TERRAIN..."

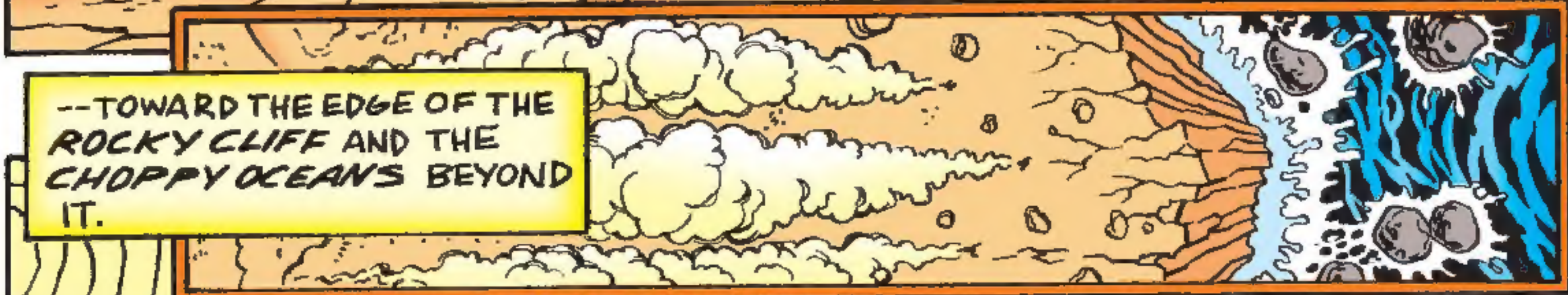
"... SECONDLY, IT SHALL BE SUGUNA'S WATER-CONTROL TO NAVIGATE THE SEA..."

"... AND LASTLY, WE SHALL SOAR THROUGH THE SKY TOGETHER USING MY AIR ABILITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE SUN!"

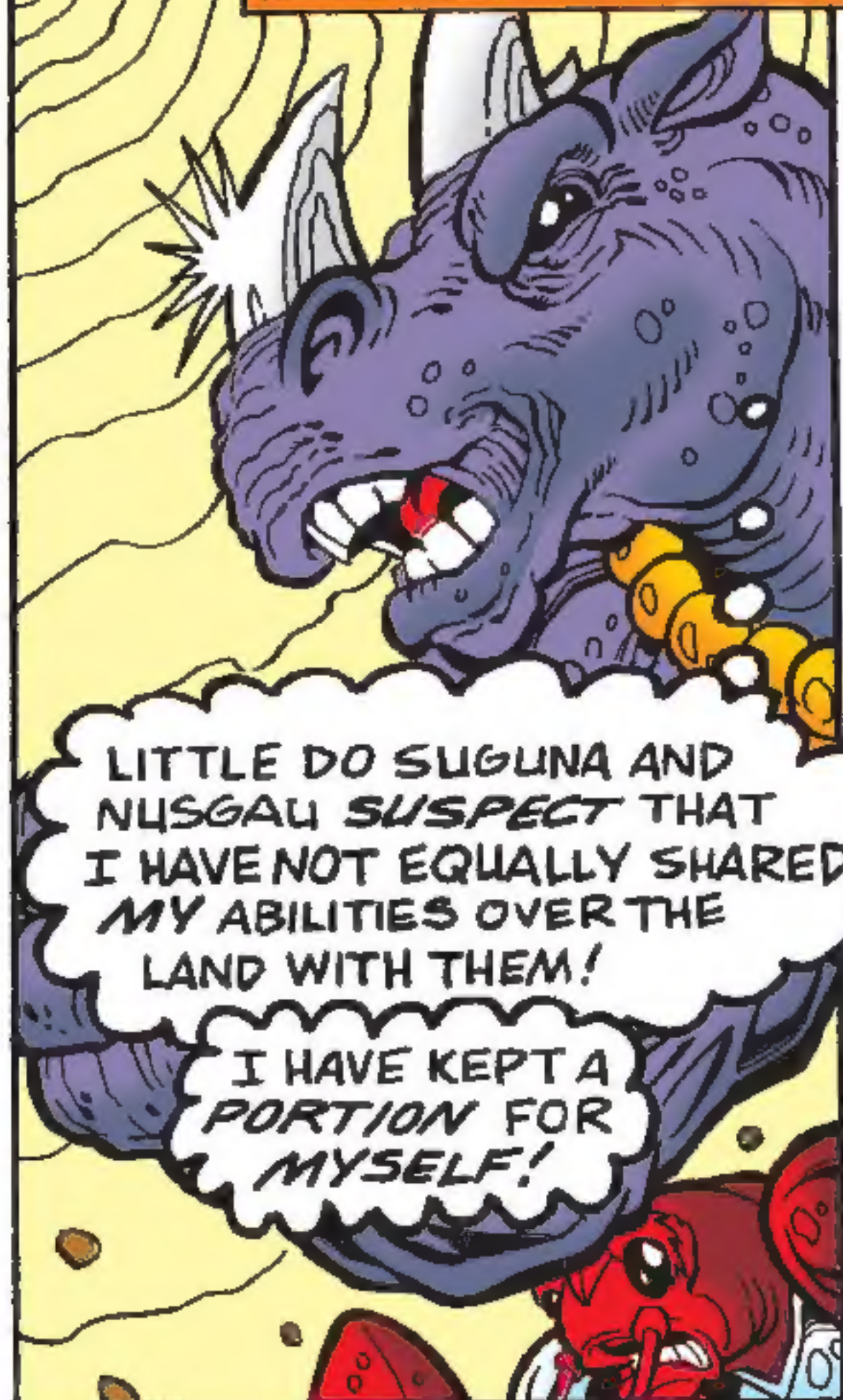
WE SHALL SEE ABOUT THAT!



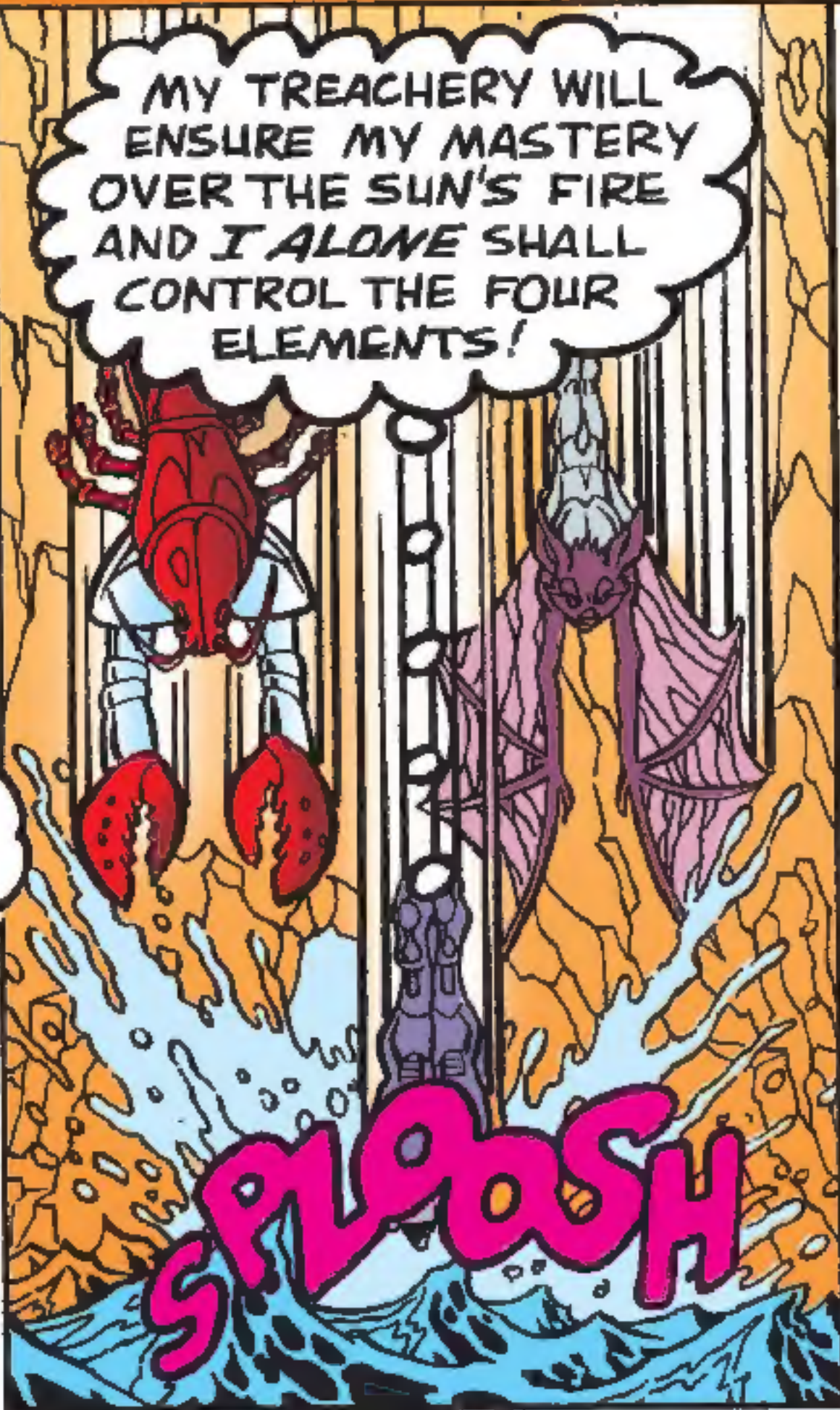
EACH OF THE MYSTICS USE THEIR ARCAINE POWERS TO PROPEL THEM ACROSS THE FACE OF THE LAND--



--TOWARD THE EDGE OF THE ROCKY CLIFF AND THE CHOPPY OCEANS BEYOND IT.



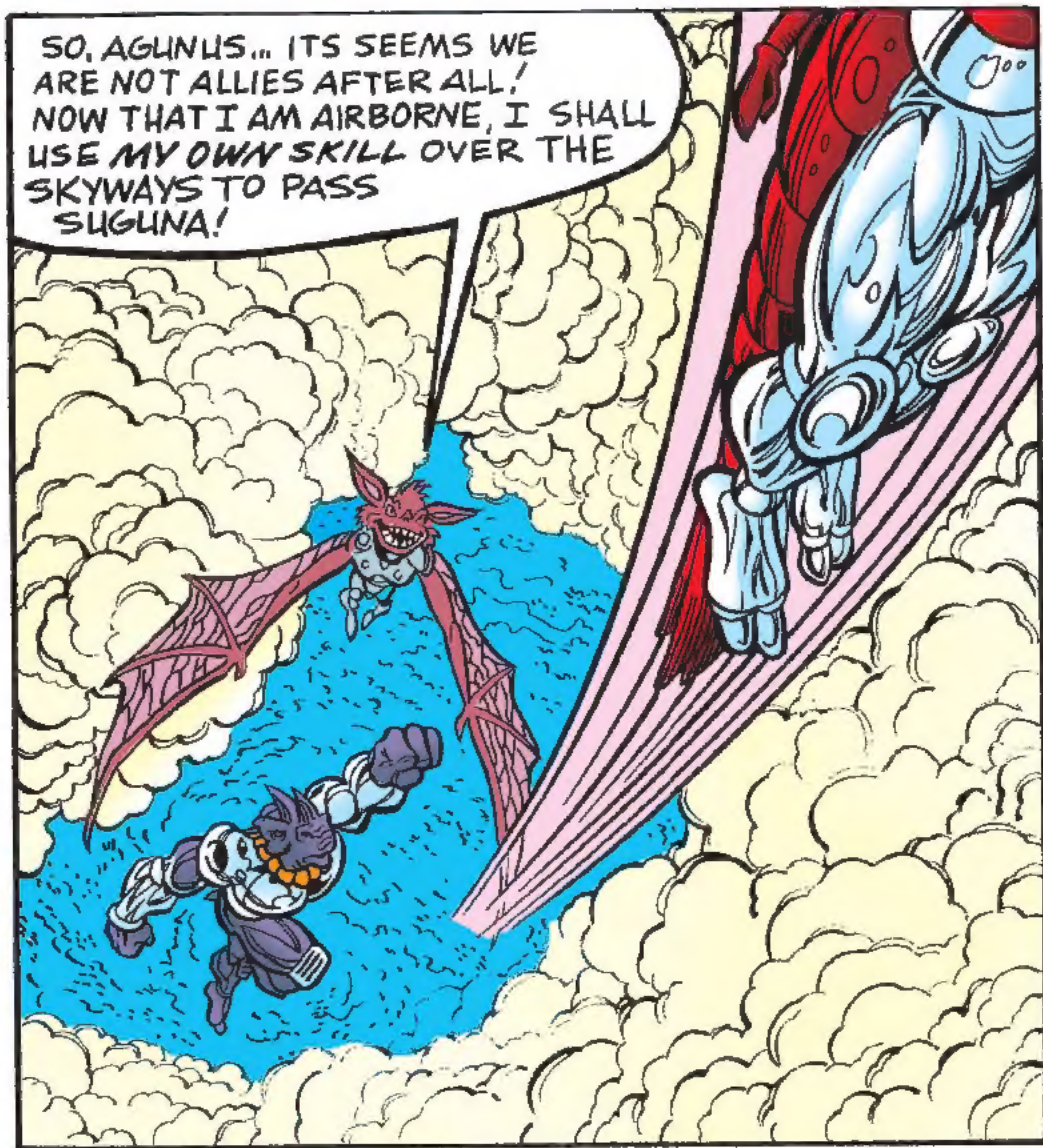
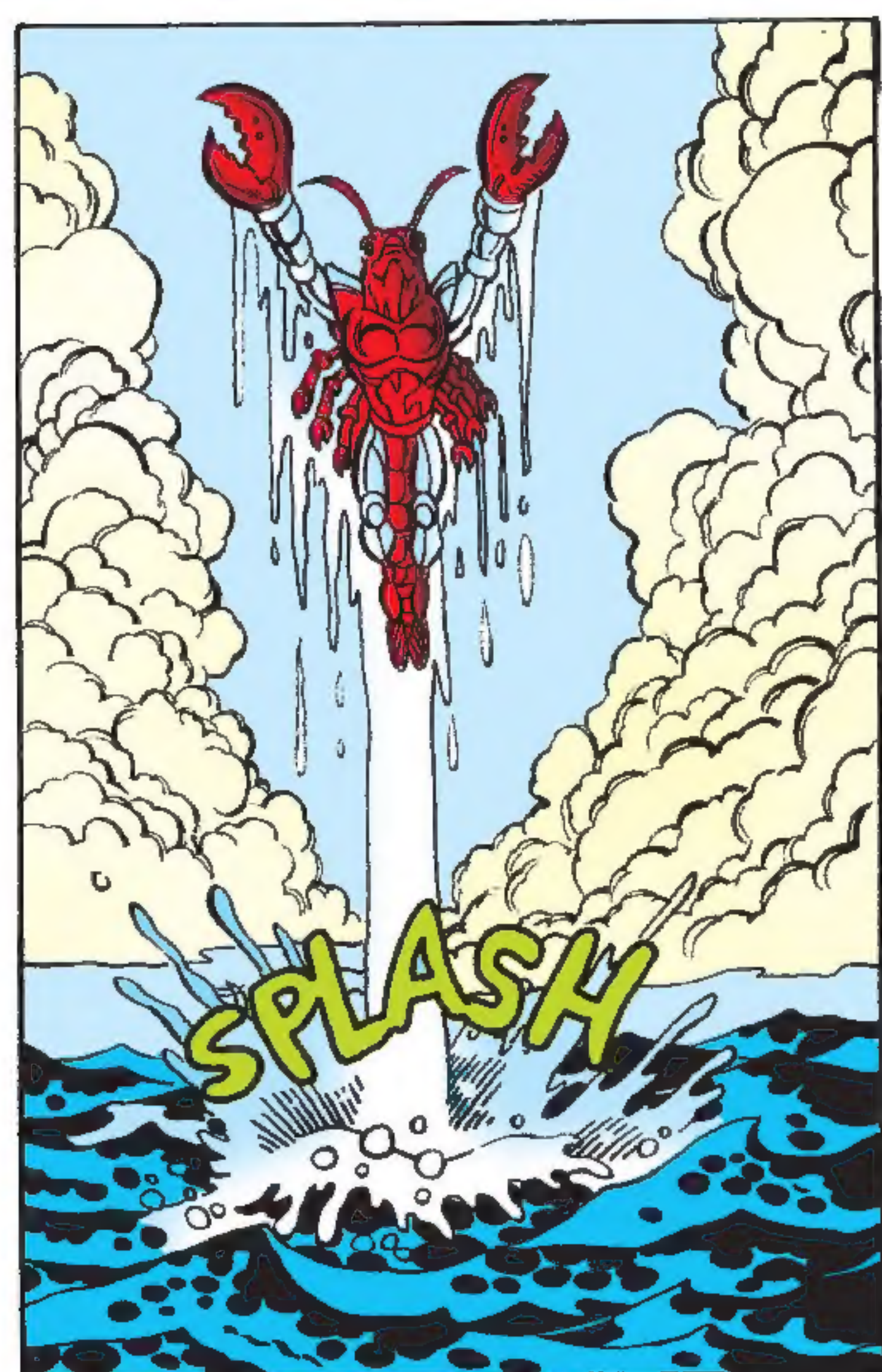
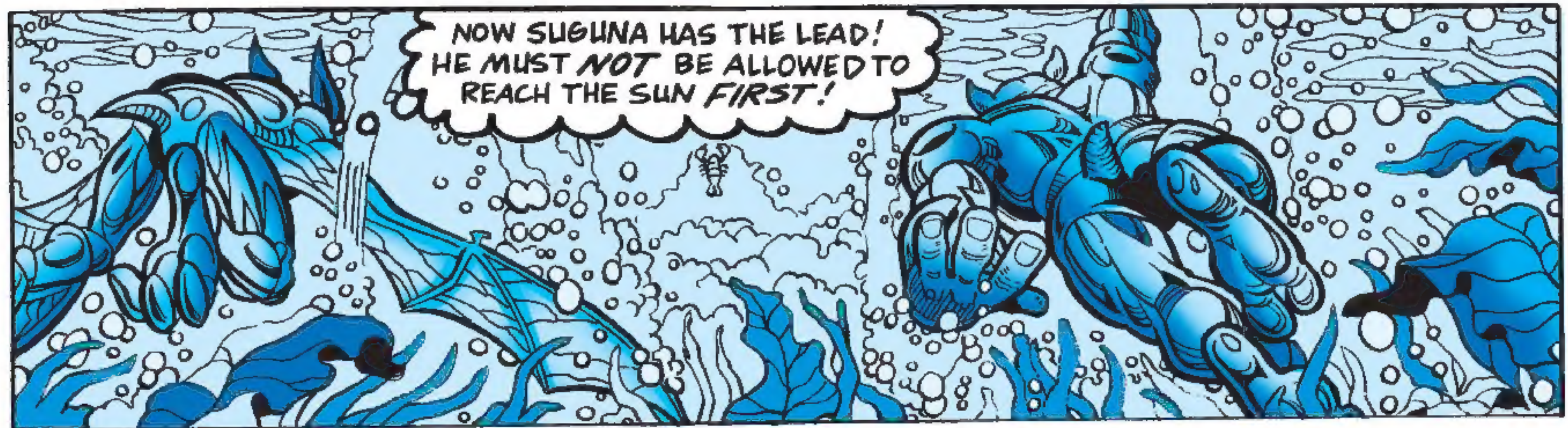
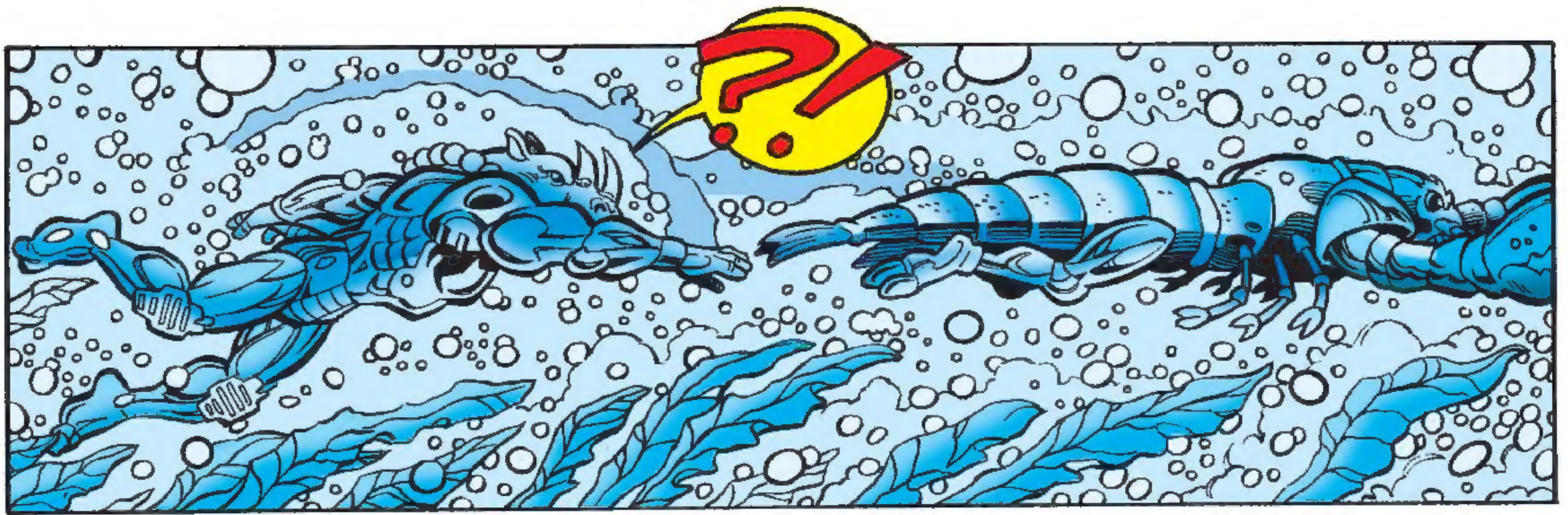
LITTLE DO SUGUNA AND NUSGAI SUSPECT THAT I HAVE NOT EQUALLY SHARED MY ABILITIES OVER THE LAND WITH THEM!
I HAVE KEPT A PORTION FOR MYSELF!

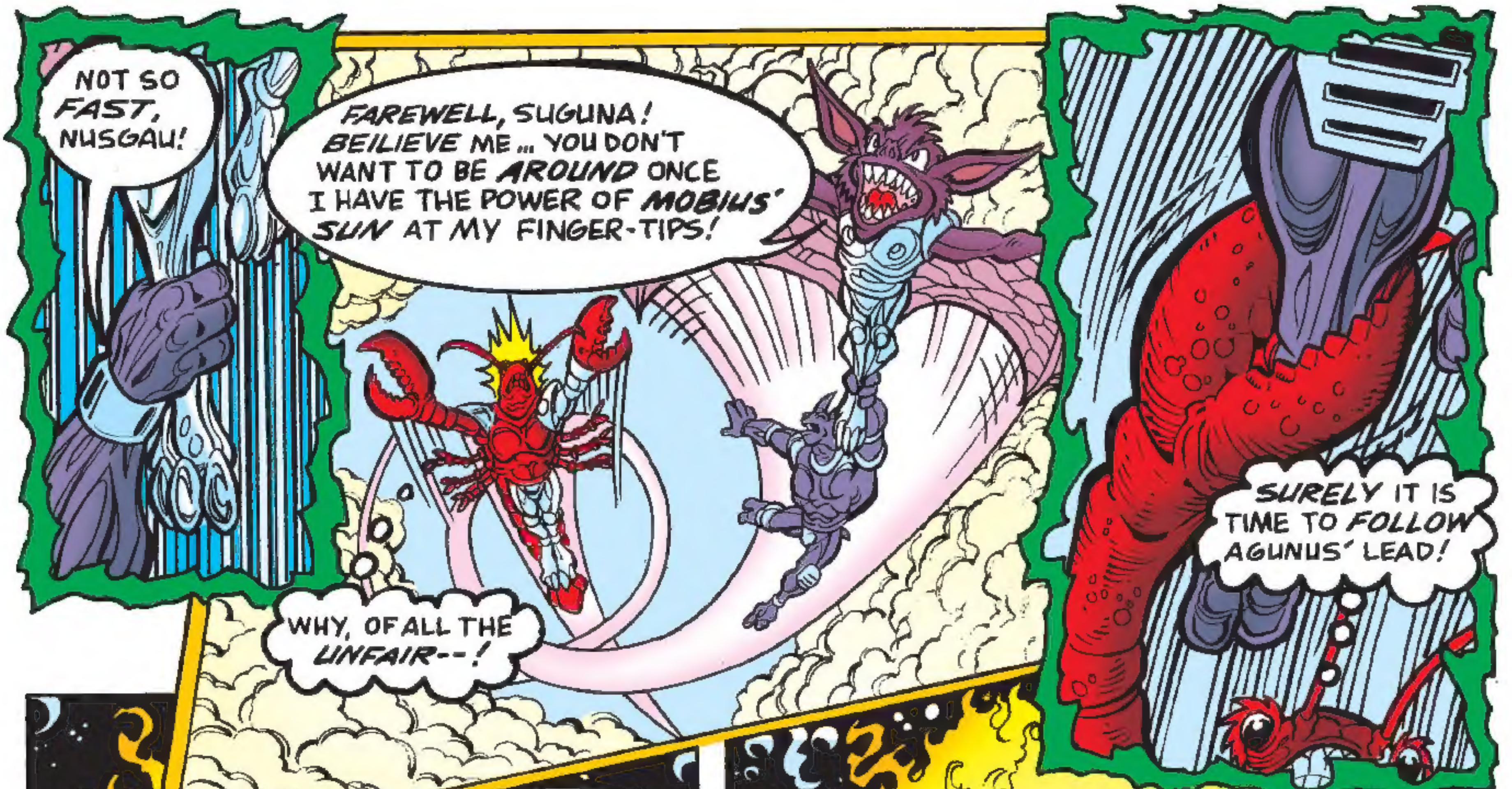


MY TREACHERY WILL ENSURE MY MASTERY OVER THE SUN'S FIRE AND I ALONE SHALL CONTROL THE FOUR ELEMENTS!



I CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE THIS! AGUNUS HAS USED HIS POWERS TO UNFAIRLY RACE AHEAD OF NUSGAI AND I!
TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME!





NOT SO FAST, NUSGAU!

FAREWELL, SUGUNA! BELIEVE ME... YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND ONCE I HAVE THE POWER OF MOBIUS' SUN AT MY FINGER-TIPS!

SURELY IT IS TIME TO FOLLOW AGUNUS' LEAD!

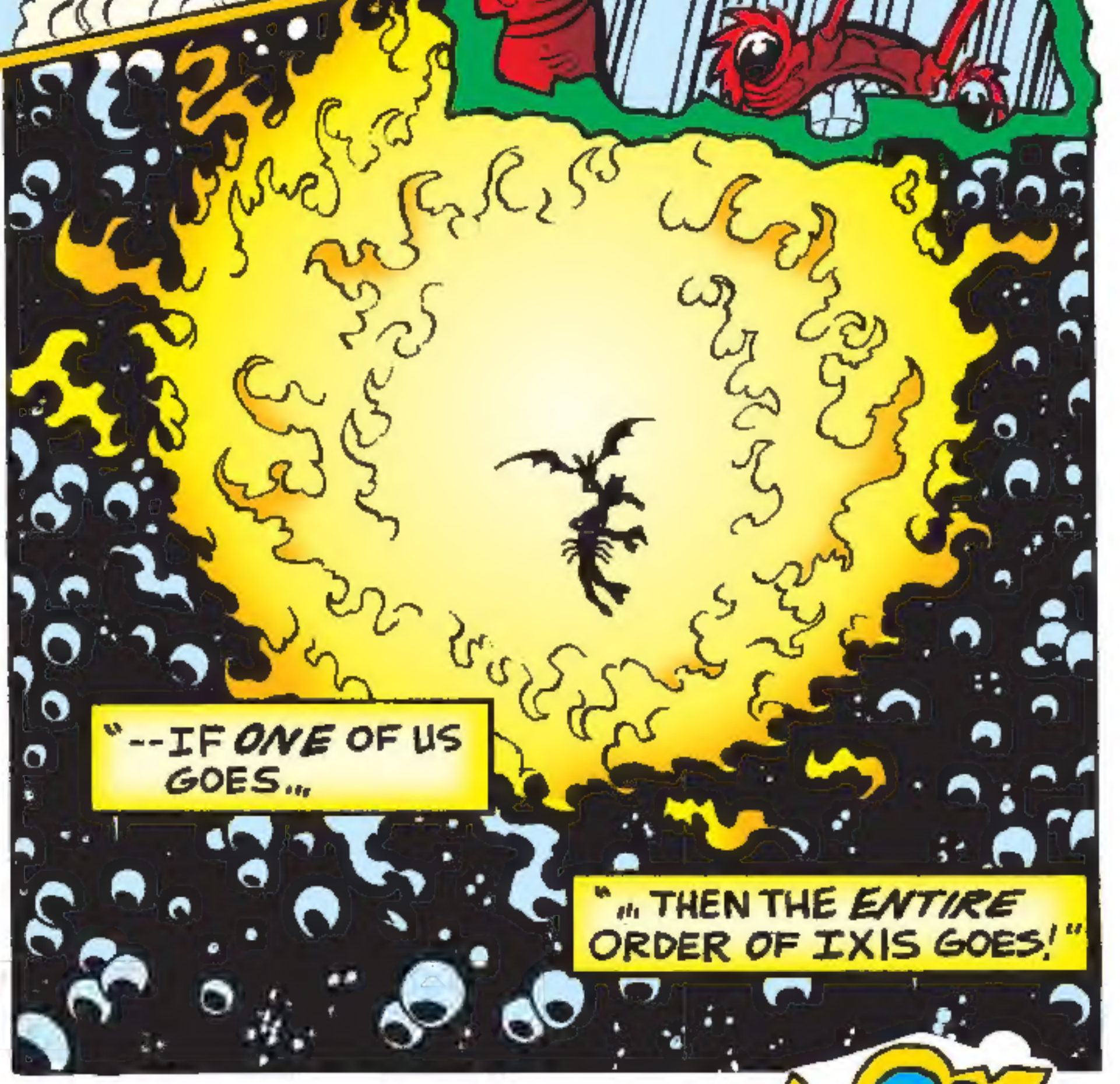
WHY, OF ALL THE UNFAIR--!



UNHAND ME, AGUNUS!

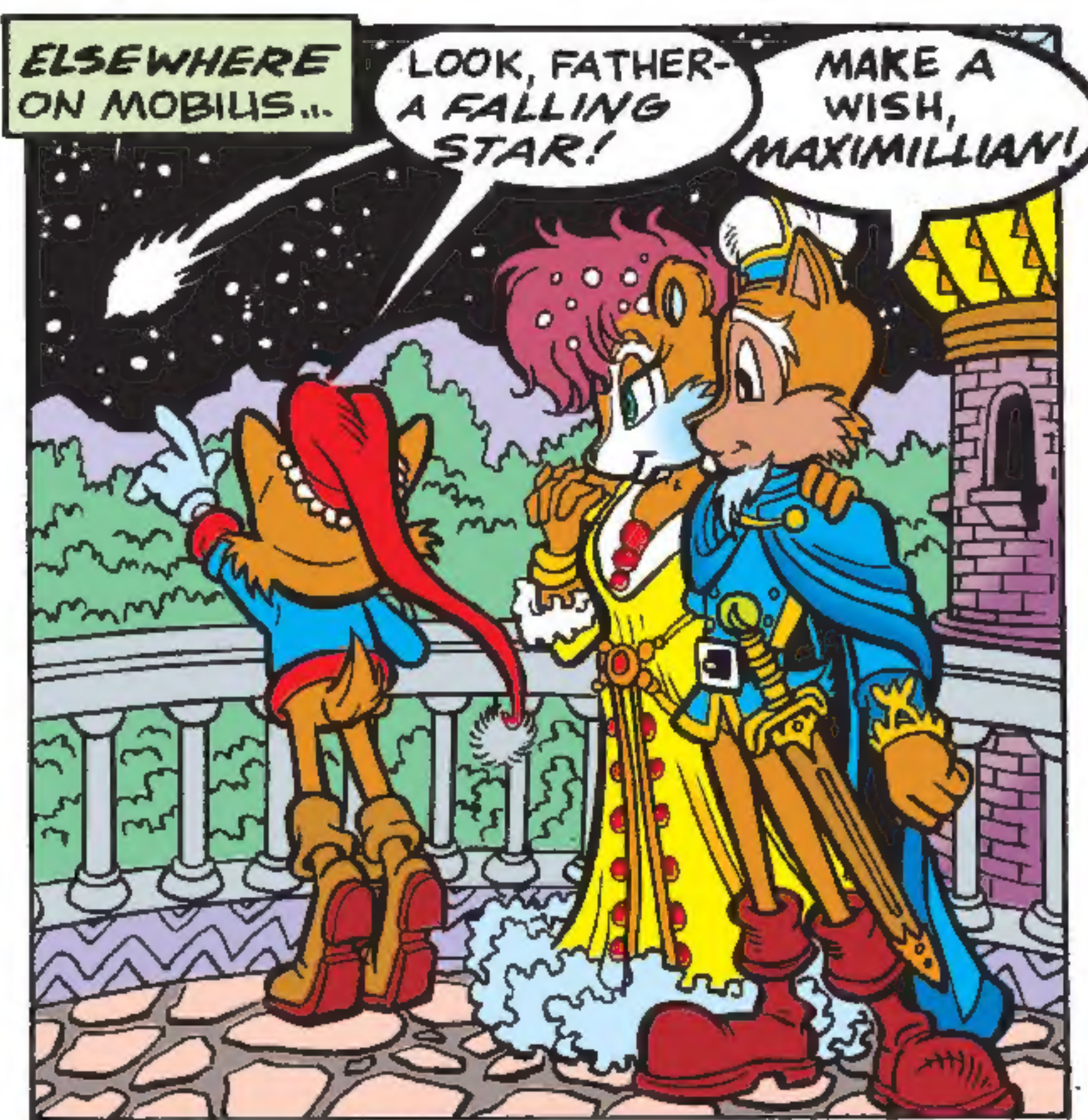
RELEASE ME, SUGUNA!

NEVER--



--IF ONE OF US GOES...

... THEN THE ENTIRE ORDER OF IXIS GOES!



ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS...

LOOK, FATHER-- A FALLING STAR!

MAKE A WISH, MAXIMILLIAN!




AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

CRASH

WHAT IS THAT COMMOTION OUTSIDE OF OUR ROYAL DINING HALL, FREDERIC?

I KNOW NOT, MY QUEEN!



SUDDENLY, THE OAK DOORS
FLY OPEN TO REVEAL A
BIZARRE FIGURE.

PLEASE ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...
I AM...

...IXIS NAUGLIS-- A
WIZARD OF GREAT POWER
AND ABILITY!

"I OFFER YOU, KING
FREDERIC, MY
HUMBLE SERVICES..."

"...AND TOGETHER, WE
SHALL LEAD THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN INTO A
GOLDEN AGE!"

A BEGINNING...?